

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2025

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President Patricia Theresa Flynn, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Commissioner Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Sharon Waller, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

Call Meeting to Order

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of March 20, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

None

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Sharon Waller, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Agenda with the exception of Items: 34

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of April 3, 2025, was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:15 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

- 1 [25-0263](#) MOTION to appoint Hearing Officer for 2025-26

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

- 2 [25-0277](#) MOTION to appoint Patrick Blanchard as Interim Inspector General of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Ordinance

- 3 [O25-010](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-10 establishing an Office of Interim Inspector General and establishing policies and practices for the Interim Inspector General (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [MISC NB - O25-10 Interim Inspector General - Brd Ltr.pdf](#)

[MISC NB - O25-10 Interim IG Ordinance](#)

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Resolution

- 4 [25-0272](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 40th anniversary of Chicago Gaelic Park

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [25-0268](#) Report on the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2024 Budget and Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District, the MWRD Retirement Fund, and to the MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust for the Fiscal Year 2023

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 6 [25-0271](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of March 20, 2025, regarding Revised Investment Policy for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago dated as of March 20, 2025, Agenda Item No. 8, File No. 25-0211

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of March 20, 2025, Agenda Item No. 8, File No. 25-0211](#)
[District Investment Policy 2025 REDLINE 3.20.25](#)
[District Investment Policy 2025](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 7 [25-0260](#) Report of Request for Proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, March 21, 2025

 Published and Filed
- 8 [25-0261](#) Report of Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) opening of Friday, March 14, 2025

 Published and Filed
- 9 [25-0266](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (*As Revised*)

 Published and Filed

Authorization

- 10 [25-0243](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 24-695-21, Truck Scale Replacement at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and C, from \$850,000.00 to \$1,055,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1615890

Attachments: [Contract 24-695-21 \(Groups A, B, and C\) Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 11 [25-0242](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-03 Dental Plan Administrator, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, Account 101-25000-601250

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-03 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 12 [25-0246](#) Authority to Advertise Contract 25-105-11 Laboratory Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Adsorbable Organic Fluorine in Wastewater Samples, estimated cost \$98,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1635925

Approved

- 13 [25-0248](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-004-11, Furnish and Deliver Steel & Stainless Steel, estimated cost \$192,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623030, 623130, 623090

Attachments: [Contract 25-004-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 14 [25-0249](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-033-11 Furnish and Deliver Air Filters to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$125,000.00, Account 101-20000-623270

Attachments: [Contract 25-033-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 15 [25-0257](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-11 Custom Application Development Consulting and Database Support Consulting, estimated cost \$150,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1635926 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0262](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-093-2M HVAC Improvements to UV Building and Switchgear Building, OWRP, estimated cost between \$2,609,311.80 and \$3,158,640.60, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1636149

Attachments: [22-093-2M Affirmative Action Goal Report](#)

[Contract 22-093-2M Project Fact Sheet](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 17 [25-0250](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for LogicMonitor Infrastructure Monitoring Solution, in an amount not to exceed \$121,915.75, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1636273

Approved

- 18 [25-0253](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 24-RFP-05, Perform Psychological Evaluations and Fitness for Duty Examinations for Selected Employees, with Psychological Dimensions LLC in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1618511

Attachments: [Contract 24-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 19 [25-0264](#) Issue purchase order to Altorfer Industries Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New Caterpillar Model 450 Backhoe Loader to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 011723-CAT, in an amount not to exceed \$207,702.00, Account 101-68000-634760, Requisition 1636281

Approved

- 20 [25-0265](#) Issue purchase orders to Alfa Laval, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts for Alfa Laval Centrifuges and Ashbrook Simon-Hartley Gravity Belt Thickeners to various locations for a three-year period, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,970,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623270

Approved

- 21 [25-0275](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with attorney Patrick Blanchard to serve as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Interim Inspector General and to perform inspector general services for MWRD, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1636634

Approved

Award Contract

- 22 [25-0225](#) Authority to award Contract 25-027-11, Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Pacific Star Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$99,525.84, Group B to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$68,308.17, Group C to Crown Packaging International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$65,109.12, and Group D to Qorpak, a division of Berlin Packaging, in an amount not to exceed \$25,062.60, Account 101-20000-623570 (*Deferred from the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-027-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report Groups A, B, C, and D](#)
[Contract 25-027-11 Item Descriptions Groups A, B, C, and D](#)

Approved

- 23 [25-0227](#) Authority to award Contract 25-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, C and D to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$188,304.04, and Group B to Taylor Distribution Group LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$15,801.49, Account 101-20000-623570 (*Deferred from the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-028-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report Groups A, B, C, and D](#)
[Contract 25-028-11 Items Descriptions - Groups A, B, C, and D](#)

Approved

- 24 [25-0236](#) Authority to award Contract 20-087-3P, Chemical Phosphorus Removal, OWRP, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$14,226,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$711,300.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,937,300.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1627083 (*Deferred from the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 20-087-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report -IHC Construction Companies., LLC](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 25 [25-0245](#) Authority to increase agreement with Hach Company to Furnish and Deliver analyzer equipment and parts to various locations in an amount of \$285,000.00, from an amount of \$459,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$744,900.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623070, Outline Agreement 7002187

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Outline Agreement 7002187 - Hach Company](#)

Approved

- 26 [25-0254](#) Authority to increase the purchase orders and to exercise the option to extend the agreements for an additional two-year period for Contract 22-RFP-12 for Insurance Broker Services, with Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc., whose name was changed to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. as of May 31, 2024, in an amount of \$235,200.00, from an amount of \$352,800.00 to an amount not to exceed \$588,000.00 and Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc., in an amount of \$216,300.00, from an amount of \$315,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$531,300.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Purchase Orders 3122013, 3122018, 3130698

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3122013](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0258](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-151-4C Geotechnical Related Work Associated with the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs to Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount of \$341,399.00, from an amount of \$1,149,693.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,491,092.00, Account 401-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3109177

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3109177](#)

Approved

- 28 [25-0259](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-159-3P Chemical Addition Backup System, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies LLC in an amount of \$32,033.98, from an amount of \$8,854,128.98, to an amount not to exceed \$8,886,162.96, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000085

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000085](#)

Approved

- 29 [25-0274](#) Authority to increase purchase order and extend agreement for a two (2) month period, for Contract 22-408-12 Janitorial Services for the Main Office Building Complex (Re-Bid), with Eco-Clean Maintenance, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$164,000.00, from an amount of \$2,589,424.84, to an amount not to exceed \$2,753,424.84, Accounts 101-15000-612370 and 612390, Purchase Order 5001868

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Report

- 30 [25-0267](#) Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Published and Filed

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Authorization

- 32 [25-0247](#) Authority to enter into two amendments of lease agreements with a tenant farmer for a land parcel located at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, pursuant to 22-RFP-17, Farm Management Support Services
- Approved**

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 33 [25-0270](#) Authority to grant the Village of Forest View a 25-year, approximately 70' x 1,050' non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a 42-inch diameter storm sewer and outfall structure south of Grove Avenue and extending to the north bank of the Main Channel in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 37.04 and 37.12. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE- Village of Forest View 25-Year Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [25-0273](#) Authority to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority for the Red Line Extension Project

Attachments: [RE - Authority to Negotiate CTA IGA Aerial.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Acting Executive Director

- 35 [25-0278](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 6 and 34

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Andrew Dziadkowiec, Comptroller, presented the GFOA awards (Re: Finance Committee Item #5)

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item #12

Sharon Waller requested:

- 1. Priority sampling of influent, effluent, biosolids, and Crystal Green product in conjunction with Tech Memo 1 of 23-RFP-19*
- 2. Staff to explore cost of lab accreditation requirements and equipment costs to perform analysis in-house*
- 3. Staff explore possible partnership with Eurofin*
- 4. All current NPDES permits be posted on the MWRD website*

Procurement Committee Items #12, 22 and 23

Kari K. Steele requested the Board send an email with their requests

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025. Please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: April 4, 2025.

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 9, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this April 3, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

April 3, 2025