

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of December 18, 2025 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Joseph McArthur, resident of Rolling Meadows, addressed the Board regarding an easement issue

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding various concerns

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, 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

A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, to move Agenda Item 23 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; and Kari K. Steele

Nay: 1 - Sharon Waller

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

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

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 8, 2026 was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss one matter of pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(C)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:20 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

1 [26-0008](#) MOTION to re-appoint retiree as trustee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Retirement Fund

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

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Resolution

2 [26-0009](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

3 [26-0024](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on January 1, 2026

Attachments: [DS 2026-1 att](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

4 [26-0002](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 26-677-11, Overhead Door Maintenance at Various Service Areas, estimated \$597,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

5 [26-0001](#) Authorization to exercise the option to extend and amend agreement with EnerConnex, LLC for Contract 20-RFP-18, Management Services to Perform Real time Energy Reverse Auctions and Advisory Services

Approved

6 [26-0013](#) Authorization to ratify the action taken by the Executive Director to extend the declaration of the emergency affecting public health and safety at Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 from a termination date of December 31, 2025, to a termination date of March 31, 2026

Approved

Authority to Advertise

7 [26-0007](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-05 SAP Consulting Services, estimated cost \$450,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1649587

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

8 [26-0014](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-709-11, Furnishing and Delivering Calcium Nitrate to the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$200,000.00, Account 101-66000-623560, Requisition 1648693

Attachments: [Contract 26-709-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

9 [26-0015](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-935-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hydroxide, estimated cost \$1,861,300.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1648719

Attachments: [Contract 26-935-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

10 26-0016 Authority to advertise Contract 26-972-11, Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-69000-623250, Requisition 1649126

Attachments: [Contract 26-972-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

11 26-0003 Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Mimecast Advanced Threat Security Support, in an amount not to exceed \$233,912.35, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1651213

Approved

12 26-0012 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Robbins DiMonte, Ltd, for Contract 25-RFP-13, Professional Legal Services for Bankruptcy and Collection Matters for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, Account 101-30000-612430, Requisition 1634399

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-13 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

13 26-0019 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with JobAps Inc. to provide software hosting, maintenance and license renewal for the JobAps Applicant Tracking System, in an amount not to exceed \$154,725.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1651035

Approved

14 26-0021 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 24-RFP-18 Leadership Training for a Three-Year Period to California Creative Solutions, Inc., dba CCS Learning Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$104,181.00, Account 101-25000-601100, Requisition 1621506

Attachments: [Contract 24-RFP-18 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

15 26-0022 Issue purchase order for Contract 25-304-11, Annual Maintenance, Repairing, Recharging, and Hydrostatic Pressure Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers for a Three (3) Year Period at Various Locations, to U.S. Fire and Safety Equipment Co., in an amount not to exceed \$186,336.00, Account 101-25000-612780, Requisition 1639986

Attachments: [Contract 25-304-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Award Contract

16 [25-0962](#) Authority to award Contract 25-635-22 (Re-Bid), SEPA 3 Paver Walkway Improvement, to Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$191,525.00, Account 201-50000-645720, Requisition 1636647 (*Deferred from the December 18, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-635-22 \(Re-Bid\) Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports - Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.](#)

Approved

17 [26-0017](#) Authority to award Contract 22-093-2M, HVAC Improvements to UV Building and Switchgear Building, OWRP, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,980,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$149,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,129,000.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1636149

Attachments: [Contract 22-093-2M Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - IHCCC](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

18 [26-0018](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unum Group to provide group term life insurance for employees in an amount of \$2,020.75, from an amount of \$397,767.83, to an amount not to exceed \$399,788.58, Account 101-25000-601250, 501-50000-601250, Purchase Orders 3120773 and 3120774

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3120774](#)
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Approved

Judiciary Committee

Report

19 [26-0010](#) Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

20 [26-0025](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Timothy Durham vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 24WC004982 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$187,422.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Public Health & Welfare Committee

Authorization

21 [25-0885](#) Authority to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to continue supporting its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program by extending the IGA for one year and to make payment to the CCSO in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490 *(Deferred from the December 4, 2025 Board Meeting)(Deferred from the December 18, 2025 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: [IGA 2018 CCSO-MWWD Executed.pdf](#)

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

22 [26-0026](#) Authority to grant the City of Northlake a 25-year, approximately 1,263 sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a stormwater lift station on District real estate located south of Diversey Avenue near the Northlake Reservoir in Northlake, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Northlake Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Authorization

23 [25-0968](#) Recommendations for the State of Illinois 2026 Legislative Program *(Deferred from the December 18, 2025 Board Meeting)*

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

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

24 [26-0027](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Bishop Dr. Claude Porter

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 23

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

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Miscellaneous and New Business**Meeting Summary****Speakers**

None

Summary of Requests

*Public Health & Welfare Item 21
Sharon Waller requested funding include community events held by local boards*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026, 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: January 9, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 14, 2026

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, January 22, 2026, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

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 January 8, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

January 8, 2026