

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 17, 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 10:30 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 Marcelino Garcia, that the minutes from the last meeting of April 3, 2025 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Anne Holcomb, Ethos (Environment, Transportation, Health and Open Space), addressed the Board regarding Lake Michigan and the surrounding communities and the citizens' concerns regarding the development at the U.S. Steel South Works site and those effects on the lake and the surrounding communities.*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, 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 with the exception of Item: 18

Item #18 was deleted the Acting Executive Director

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 17, 2025 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:45 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1    [25-0301](#)    Report on the investment interest income during March 2025

**Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2025-03 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 2    [25-0302](#)    Report on investments purchased during March 2025

**Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2025-03 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 3    [25-0304](#)    Report on investment inventory statistics at March 31, 2025

**Attachments:**    [Inv Stat 2025 Q1 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 4    [25-0305](#)    Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of March 2025, in the amount of \$24,353,829.96

**Attachments:**    [March 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Authorization

- 5    [25-0309](#)

Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of \$3,807.79, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030, and 101-15000-612010, 612030

**A motion was made by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, 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

- 6    [25-0299](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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- 7    [25-0312](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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**Authorization**

- 8     [25-0281](#)     Authorization to amend Board Order of July 11, 2024 regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. to conduct an assessment of District's current production Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1619343 (*As Revised*), Agenda Item No. 28, File No. 24-0585

**Attachments:**   [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of July 11, 2024 - File # 24-0585.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 9     [25-0283](#)     Authorization for payment to the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group for Fiscal Year 2025 Membership Dues, in an amount not to exceed \$136,190.17, Account 101-15000-612280

**Approved**

- 10    [25-0288](#)     Authorization to amend the agreement for Contract 23-RFP-23 Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator, with the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029

**Approved**

- 11    [25-0293](#)     Authorization to increase payment to Explico Inc. for Biomechanical Expert Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from an amount of \$60,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 12    [25-0282](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 25-656-11, Services to Repair Allen Bradley Computer Systems and Equipment at Various Locations, in an amount not to exceed \$835,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650/623070 Requisitions 1634172, 1634173, 1635105

**Attachments:**   [Contract 25-656-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 13    [25-0285](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 25-624-21, Sludge Pump Improvements at Various Locations, estimated cost \$6,910,000.00, Account 201-50000-645780 Requisition 1626921

**Attachments:**   [Contract 25-624-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 14 [25-0286](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-722-11, High Temperature Epoxy Pipe Coating at the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$80,000.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1634044  
  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-722-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
  
**Approved**
- 15 [25-0290](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-17, Scanning Services, estimated total cost not to exceed \$715,500.00, Account 101-15000-612090, Requisition 1637006 (As Revised)  
  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-17 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
  
**Approved**
- 16 [25-0291](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-622-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical & Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$1,034,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623070/623270/634650 Requisitions 1622439, 1622440, 1628546, 1634174, 1635092, 1635093, and 1636982  
  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
  
**Approved**
- 17 [25-0292](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-350-11, Hazardous Waste Disposal from Various Locations, estimated cost \$210,000.00, Account 101-30000-612520, Requisition 1633659  
  
**Attachments:** [PMM - 25-350-11 Goal Review - No Goals.pdf](#)  
  
**Approved**
- 18 [25-0294](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-053-11, Furnish and Deliver Lamps & Emergency Lighting to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$100,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623110  
  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-053-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
  
**Deleted by Acting Executive Director**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 19 [25-0298](#) Issue purchase order to Deere & Company, to Furnish and Deliver Six (6) 2025 John Deere Gator All-Terrain Utility Vehicles to the North Service Area, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 112624-DAC, in an amount not to exceed \$132,531.21, Account 101-67000-634860, Requisitions 1636536.  
  
**Approved**

- 20    [25-0300](#)    Issue purchase order to West Side Tractor Sales Co., to furnish and deliver one (1) 2025 John Deere 844 P Loader to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcwell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 011723-JDC, in an amount not to exceed \$512,000.00, Account 101-69000-634760, Requisitions 1636525.

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 21    [25-0295](#)    Authority to award Contract 25-408-11, Janitorial Services for the Main Office Building Complex, to Apache Service and Supply Co. (Apache), in an amount not to exceed \$2,798,541.40, Accounts 101-15000-612370/612390, Requisition 1637761 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-408-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - Apache.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 22    [25-0296](#)    Authority to award Contract 25-672-11, Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to Various Locations, Groups A and B, to Chicago Tire, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$78,902.88, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623250, Requisitions 1629100 and 1629091 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-672-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

#### **Engineering Committee**

##### **Report**

- 23    [25-0306](#)    Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2025

**Attachments:**    [Attachment 1 CO Report March 2025 5% Contingency-FINAL.pdf](#)  
                          [Attachment 2 CO Status Report March 2025 - FINAL.pdf](#)  
                          [Attachment 3 CO Report March 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

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#### **Judiciary Committee**

##### **Authorization**

- 24    [25-0289](#)    Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of James Radomski vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 23WC018401, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$275,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 25   [25-0280](#)   Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of March 2025

Attachments:   [R-98 Report March 2025.pdf](#)

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## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Authorization

- 26   [25-0303](#)   Request for advice and consent to the reappointment of Kevin L. Hopkins and Trisha M. Rich as Commissioners on MWRD's Ethics Commission for two-year terms pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

Approved

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 27   [25-0310](#)   Authority to amend lease agreement dated April 1, 1993, with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County on approximately 266.67 acres of District real estate located between the Des Plaines River and the Main Channel in DuPage County, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcels 24.04, 25.03, 26.07, 27.03, and 27.04, to add an approximately 30' x 1,628' strip of land on the western boundary of the leasehold. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments:   [RE - DuPage County Lease Amendment Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Report

- 29   [25-0308](#)   Report on Voluntary Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program Submittals

Attachments:   [25.04.17 Voluntary FPPA Submittal Exhibit.pdf](#)  
[25.04.17 Voluntary FPPA Prioritization List.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

### Authorization

- 30    [25-0307](#)    Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of La Grange Park for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Central Area Sewer Separation Project in La Grange Park (25-IGA-03), in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00

Attachments:    [25-IGA-03 La Grange Park IGA Exhibit rev](#)

Approved

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 5 and 18**

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

**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: 9:0

**Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners**

At 12:00 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

**Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

None

**Summary of Requests**

None

**Study Session**

None

**Announcements**

None



**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 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 18, 2025.

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 23, 2025.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, May 1, 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 17, 2025, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

April 17, 2025