

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 4, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

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 August 14, 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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: 1

Agenda Item #1 was deleted by 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of September 4, 2025 was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

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

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance - Industrial Waste

- 1 [IW25-001](#) Request Authority to Transmit the Proposed Amended Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Approval

Attachments: [Board Letter - SWCO USEPA Approval Amendment 9.4.25](#)
[Redline Sewage Waste Control Ordinance USEPA Public](#)
[Notification.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Acting Executive Director

Ordinance

- 2 [O25-011](#) Authority to amend Ordinance O25-010 Office of Interim Inspector General

Attachments: [MISC NB - O25-011 Interim IG Amendment - Brd Ltr](#)
[MISC NB - O25-011 Interim IG Amendment - Redline](#)
[MISC NB - O25-011 Interim IG Amendment \(Final\)](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Resolution

- 3 [25-0636](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing September 16th as Mexican Independence Day

Adopted

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 4 [25-0658](#) Report on the amendment to the agreement for Contract 20-RFP-24, Supply of Electricity, with MP2 Energy NE LLC, for a One (1) Year Extension, starting December 2025 and ending December 31, 2026

Published and Filed

- 5 [25-0660](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Published and Filed

- 6 [25-0661](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, August 8, 2025

Published and Filed

- 7 [25-0663](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Published and Filed

- 8 [25-0664](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-664-11, Seal Coating of Roads and Patching of Pavement at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$60,000.00

Published and Filed

- 9 [25-0666](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 22-377-2D, Raw Sewage Discharge Pipe Support Modifications for Pumps 1-3, KWRP, estimated cost between \$5,168,000.00 and \$6,256,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 10 [25-0641](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 25-360-11 Proposal to Lease 21.70± acres of District real estate located east of the Egan Water Reclamation Plant in Cook County, Illinois, for a 25-year term from TPSR Illinois Solar 4 LLC in the amount of \$26,000.00

Attachments: [Aerial View - 21.70± acres of District real estate located East of the Egan Water Reclamation Plant](#)

Approved

- 11 [25-0645](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-03 Dental Plan Administrator, with Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, operating through its Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Division, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, Account 101-25000-601250 (*As Revised*)

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

Approved

- 12 [25-0646](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-02 Health Plan Administrator, with Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, operating through its Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Division, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, Account 101-25000-601250

Attachments: [25-RFP-02 Goal Review \(NG\) Health Plan Administrator.pdf](#)

Approved

- 13 [25-0662](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 22-377-2D Raw Sewage Discharge Pipe Support Modifications for Pumps 1-3, KWRP, estimated cost between \$8,293,500.00 and \$10,039,500.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1629461

Attachments: [22-377-2D Goal Review - Revised](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 14 [25-0637](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-625-11, Diving Services at Various Locations, estimated cost \$190,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1639876

Attachments: [Contract 26-625-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 15 [25-0651](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-379-3E Electrical Power Distribution and Phosphorus Removal Improvements, Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost between \$22,309,150.20 and \$27,005,813.40, Accounts 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Requisition 1642737

Attachments: [Contract 23-379-3E Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)
[Contract 23-379-3E-Project Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0657](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-856-11, Furnish and Deliver Two TARP Orbinox PLC Replacements to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$189,000.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1640953

Attachments: [Contract 25-856-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 17 [25-0656](#) Issue purchase order and enter into a joint funding agreement with the United States Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey for the maintenance and operation of eight streamflow gaging stations and two rain gages within Cook County, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$132,700.00 Account 501-50000-612490, Requisition 1642943

Attachments: [Exhibit USGS Gages FY25-26.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [25-0659](#) Issue purchase orders to Trojan Technologies Corp., to Furnish and Deliver Ultraviolet Disinfection System Parts and Related Accessories, to Various Locations for a Three-Year Period, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623270

Approved

- 19 [25-0665](#) Issue purchase order to Alfa Laval, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Sludge Dewatering Centrifuges and related appurtenances for the Centrifuge Dewatering Facility at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$6,119,054.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1639058

Approved

Award Contract

- 20 [25-0535](#) Authority to award Contract 25-647-11, Boiler Tuning and Maintenance Services at Various Locations, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612650/623090, Requisitions 1632661, 1633436, and 1633437 *(As Revised) (Deferred from the July 17, 2025 Board Meeting) (Deferred from the August 14, 2025 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: [Contract 25-647-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised \(Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc.\)](#)
[Contract 25-647-11 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - \(Independent Mechanical.\)](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 21 [25-0639](#) Authority to increase the agreement with Ford W. Hall Co., Inc. to Perform On-Site Specialized Services to Rehabilitate the Final Clarifier Algae Removal System at the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant (KWRP), in an amount of \$30,000.00, from an amount of \$230,983.10, to an amount not to exceed \$260,983.10, Account 201-50000-645750, Purchase Order 3134393

Approved

- 22 [25-0644](#) Authority to decrease Contract 98-RFP-10, Design, Build, Own, Finance, Operate and Maintain a 150 Dry Tons Per Day Biosolids Processing Facility at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Beneficially Use the Final Product for a Period of 20 Years, to Metropolitan Biosolids Management, LLC, in an amount of \$2,444,195.00, from an amount of \$184,604,334.79 to an amount not to exceed \$182,160,139.79 Account 101-69000-612590, Purchase Order 5000950

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5000950.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [25-0650](#) Authority to increase purchase orders for Contract 20-RFP-21 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense with Dennis Noble & Associates, P.C., in an amount of \$15,000.00, from an amount of \$541,097.89, to an amount not to exceed \$556,097.89, and Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry, P.C., in an amount of \$20,000.00, from an amount of \$295,420.70, to an amount not to exceed \$315,420.70, Account 101-25000-612430, Purchase Orders 3114172 and 3114173

Attachments: [Change Order Log - PO 3114172](#)
 [Change Order Log - PO 3114173](#)

Approved

- 24 [25-0652](#) Authority to increase Contract 01-103-AS 39th Street Conduit Rehabilitation - Phase II, SSA, to Michels Trenchless, Inc., in an amount of \$1,245,780.90, from an amount of \$39,863,453.03, to an amount not to exceed \$41,109,233.93, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000119

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000119.PDF](#)

Approved

- 25 [25-0653](#) Authority to increase Contract 06-360-3SR Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 14B Rehabilitation, NSA, Rebid, to Michels Trenchless, Inc. in an amount of \$127,317.90, from an amount of \$36,200,195.71, to an amount not to exceed \$36,327,513.61, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000100

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000100.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [25-0654](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-135-3V Roof Replacement of the Lue-Hing M&R Complex, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$24,706.47, from an amount of \$11,882,350.65, to an amount not to exceed \$11,907,057.12, Account 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 4000094

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000094](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0655](#) Authority to decrease Contract 23-169-1S McCook Reservoir Stage 1 Sediment Removal, to K.L.F Enterprises, Inc. in an amount of \$157,946.92, from an amount of \$9,197,183.95, to an amount not to exceed \$9,039,237.03, Account 101-50000-612620, Purchase Order 4000123

Approved

Ethics Committee

Report

- 28 [25-0668](#) Report on the correction of a typographical error in Ordinance O25-10 establishing an Office of Interim Inspector General and establishing policies and practices for the Interim Inspector General (*As Revised*), Agenda Item No. 3, File ID No. O25-010

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 29 [25-0647](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Dale Polak vs. MWRDGC, Claim number W004106942, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$59,637.19, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 30 [25-0648](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of John Radavich vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 25WC009372 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$87,326.75, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 31 [25-0649](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Frank Holdman vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22WC26456, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$40,295.73, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 32 [25-0634](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit extension to The 670 Parking Condominium Association to continue to maintain a gutter system between the District's Main Office Building and the Ritz-Carlton Residences located at 625 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - 670 Parking Permit Extension Aerial.pdf](#)
[RE - 670 Parking Permit Extension Photo.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [25-0642](#) Authority to pay final just compensation for six vacant and unoccupied properties within the right-of-way for the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF) through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuits filed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois; Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Pay for last 6 Parcels in Harvey IL - Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[RE - Pay for last 6 Parcels in Harvey IL -Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [25-0643](#) Authorization to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes and to commence statutory procedures to sell approximately 0.14± acres of District land located at 6861 North Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, Illinois

Attachments: [RE- Authorization to Sell Land to Niles - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 2

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

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

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 September 18, 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: September 5, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., September 10, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, September 18, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

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 September 4, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

September 4, 2025