

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 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.

Yumeka Brown provided notice requesting remote attendance. The Board determined that the notice for remote attendance complies with the requirements and allowed Yumeka Brown to attend the meeting remotely.

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

Election of Officers

- 1** [25-0009](#) MOTION to nominate Kari K. Steele as President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Sharon Waller, 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** [25-0010](#) MOTION to nominate Patricia Theresa Flynn as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-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
- 3** [25-0011](#) MOTION to nominate Marcelino Garcia as Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of December 19, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Ward Miller, Richard H. Driehaus Executive Director of Preservation Chicago, Nick Wesley, and Eladio Montenegro, McKinnely Park Development Council, addressed the board regarding concerns for the Damen silos

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cameron 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: 19

Item # 19 was deferred by Patricia Theresa Flynn

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 January 9, 2025 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:10 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

- 4 [25-0012](#) MOTION to suspend Article III, Section 3.2 (A) of the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the MWRDGC and move the appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each standing Committee to the next Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

5 [O25-001](#) Authority to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance *(As Revised)*

Attachments: [BTL 01-09-25 Authority to Amend WMO](#)
[2025 01 09 Watershed Management Ordinance](#)
[2025 01 09 Watershed Management Ordinance Redline](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

6 [24-1160](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Adopted

7 [25-0044](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of the 39th President of the United States President Jimmy Carter

Adopted

8 [25-0046](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 125th anniversary of the reversal of the Chicago River

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

9 [25-0033](#) Report on the investment interest income during October 2024

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2024-10 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

10 [25-0034](#) Report on the investment interest income during November 2024

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2024-11 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 11 [25-0035](#) Report on investments purchased during October 2024

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2024-10 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 12 [25-0036](#) Report on investments purchased during November 2024

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2024-11 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 13 [25-0040](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on January 1, 2025

Attachments: [DS 2025-1 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 14 [25-0026](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 15 [25-0004](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of December 5, 2024, regarding Issue purchase order to Accurate Background, LLC to provide pre-employment background screening services to the District under the OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number R240501, in an amount not to exceed \$32,700.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1628711, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 24-1083

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of December 5, 2024 - Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 24-1083](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0005](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 7, 2024 regarding issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 23-RFP-08 On-Site Training Services: Odor Recognition in Wastewater Treatment to RK & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, Account 101-25000-601100, Requisition 1609828, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 24-0979 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 7, 2024 - Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 24-0979](#)

Approved

- 17 [25-0013](#) Authorization for payment to Isle Inc., for the annual membership in the Isle - Technology Approval Group, in an amount not to exceed \$21,962.00, Account 101-15000-612280 (*As Revised*)

Approved

- 18 [25-0039](#) Authorization to exercise an option to extend and amend agreement or administer a reverse auction to procure electricity and renewable energy credits (RECs) under Contract 20-RFP-24 for years 2026 and 2027, subject to obtaining pricing that is favorable to the District

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 19 [25-0017](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-279-5F, Suburban Green Schoolyard Pilot Project 1 in Burnham, estimated cost between \$1,805,000.00 and \$2,185,000.00, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1628550

Attachments: [Contract 24-279-5F Project View](#)
[Contract 24-279-5F Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised](#)

Deferred by Patricia Theresa Flynn

- 20 [25-0024](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-012-11 Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$52,000.00, Account 101-20000-623190

Attachments: [Contract 25-012-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 21 [25-0029](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-01 Medicare Advantage Plan, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, Account 101-25000-601250

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-01 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 22 [25-0030](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with MTS IntegraTRAK for Contract 23-RFP-05 Telecom Call Accounting Platform in an amount not to exceed \$84,200.00, Accounts 101-27000-612430 and 623800, Requisition 1601168 (*As Revised*)

Approved

- 23 [25-0031](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with V3 Companies, Ltd. for Contract 24-CON-03, Professional Engineering Services for Project 21-166-5F, 71st Street Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation in the Vicinity of Bedford Park, in an amount not to exceed \$4,347,847.00. Account 501-50000-612450, Requisition 1630833

Attachments: [Contract 21-166-5F - Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - V3 Companies](#)

Approved

- 24 [25-0032](#) Issue purchase order to Zonatherm Products, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New Generac 150kW Emergency Generator to the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 092222-GNR, in an amount not to exceed \$48,839.09, Account 101-67000-623070, Requisition 1629471

Approved

- 25 [25-0037](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Environmental Resource Associates, Inc. to furnish and deliver proficiency testing standards, in an amount not to exceed \$21,077.40, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1626319

Approved

Award Contract

- 26 [25-0027](#) Authority to award Contract 23-169-1S, McCook Reservoir Stage 1 Sediment Removal, to K.L.F. Enterprises, Inc. (K.L.F.), in an amount not to exceed \$9,197,183.95, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$459,859.20, for a total amount not to exceed \$9,657,043.15, Account 101-50000-612620, Requisition 1622008

Attachments: [Contract 23-169-1S Affirmative Action Goals Report \(K.L.F. Enterprises, Inc. \(K.L.F.\)\) and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - \(K.L.F\)](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0038](#) Authority to award Contract 24-665-12 (Re-Bid), Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, Group D, to Lizzette Medina & Co. (Lizzette), in an amount not to exceed \$196,500.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1577294

Attachments: [Contract 24-665-12, Group D, Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and V Report - Lizzette Medina and Co..pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 28 [24-1163](#) Authority to increase Contract 23-685-51, Furnishing, Delivering and Administration of Rain Barrels, to Greenlane Environmental & Recycling Services Inc., in an amount of \$44,209.50, from an amount of \$450,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$494,209.50, Account 501-50000-623990, Purchase Order 3122945

Approved

- 29 [25-0020](#) Authority to increase Contract 10-047-3S North Shore 1 Rehabilitation, NSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC, in an amount of \$433,264.07, from an amount of \$44,990,757.04, to an amount not to exceed \$45,424,021.11, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000108

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000108](#)

Approved

- 30 [25-0023](#) Authority to increase purchase order to Provide Specialized Vegetation Control along MWRD Railroad Facilities, to DeAngelo Contracting Services, LLC, in an amount of \$14,662.50, from an amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$24,562.50, Account 101-69000-612420, Purchase Order 8010600

Approved

- 31 [25-0025](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-262-3S Calumet 18E Relief Connecting Structure and Sewer Work, CSA, to Rausch Infrastructure, LLC, in an amount of \$9,192.69, from an amount of \$3,108,314.10, to an amount not to exceed \$3,117,506.79, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order No. 4000095

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000095](#)

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Report

- 32 [25-0002](#) Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 33 [25-0001](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Matthew Dillon vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 23WC025664 in the sum of \$25,929.21, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

Authorization

- 34 [25-0041](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 399 (AFL-CIO)

Attachments: [Local 399 Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 35 [25-0006](#) Authorization to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes, and to sell to the Illinois Department of Transportation, approximately 0.028± acres of District land located on the east bank of the Des Plaines River, a portion of Main Channel Parcel 9.03, in Joliet, Illinois. Consideration shall be a fee of \$2,440.00

Attachments: [RE - IDOT - IMT leasehold MCP 9.03 \(portion\) Joliet I-80 bridge - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 36 [25-0007](#) Authority to pay relocation costs in an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00 to Rose B. Smith, the owner of the real estate commonly known as 15321 Myrtle Avenue in Harvey, Illinois, for the construction of the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF) Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Increase relocation cost for 15321 Myrtle Avenue in Harvey - Parcel 22 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 37 [25-0008](#) Authority to pay relocation costs in an amount not to exceed \$24,200.00 to Armando Aguilar, the tenant of the real estate commonly known as 15332 Myrtle Avenue in Harvey, Illinois, for the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF), Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - RE - Increase relocation cost for 15332 Myrtle Avenue in Harvey - Parcel 11- Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee**Authorization**

- 38 [25-0028](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of December 19, 2024, regarding Request Authority to Review the Proposed Amended Watershed Management Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Agenda Item No. 39, File No. 24-1134

Attachments: [December 19, 2024 Board Transmittal Letter - File No. 24-1134.pdf](#)

Approved

- 39 [25-0047](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 19

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: 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

None

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 23, 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: January 10, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 15, 2025

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 23, 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 January 9, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

January 9, 2025