

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**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 Daniel Pogorzelski, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele  
**Absent:** 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that the minutes from the last Regular Meeting of November 7, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 7, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Zoe Leigh and Sharon McGee, Harvey residents, Tracy Key, Harvey 6th Ward Alderman, Shelby Rainey, on behalf of Carlita Poole Tingle, Ryan Sinwelski, resident of Harvey and head of the Harvey Historical Society, addressed the board regarding concerns for the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin in Harvey*

*Piper Rothschild, community member and Julia Bachrach, Preservation Consultant, addressed the board regarding concerns for agenda item 36*

*Steve Wilson, Executive Director of Wilmette Park District, addressed the board in support for agenda item 36*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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: 10 and 14

Items 10 and 14 were deleted by the 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 November 21, 2024, was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Ordinance

- 1     [O24-015](#)     Adopt Ordinance O24-015 An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$300,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:**     [Ord O24-015 New Money \\$300M LTD BTL 2024-11-21 FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Met Water 2024 - Ordinance Number O24-015 - \\$300M GO Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds FINAL.pdf](#)

**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:**     8 -     Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**     1 -     Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

- 2     [O24-016](#)     Adopt Ordinance O24-016 An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$25,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:**     [Ord O24-016 New Money \\$25M LTD BTL 2024-11-21 FINAL.pdf](#)  
                              [Met Water 2024 - Ordinance Number O24-016 - \\$25M GO Unlimited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds FINAL.pdf](#)

**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, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**     1 -     Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

- 3     [O24-017](#)     Adopt Ordinance O24-017 An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$48,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:**     [Ord O24-017 New Money \\$48M LTD BTL 2024-11-21 FINAL.pdf](#)  
                              [Met Water 2024 - Ordinance Number O24-017 - \\$48M GO Limited Tax Refunding Bonds FINAL.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**     1 -     Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

- 4     [O24-018](#)     Adopt Ordinance O24-018 An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$90,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:**     [Ord O24-018 New Money \\$90M LTD BTL 2024-11-21 FINAL.pdf](#)  
                              [Met Water 2024 - Ordinance Number O24-018 - \\$90M GO Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds FINAL.pdf](#)

**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, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**     1 -     Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

- 5     [O24-019](#)     Adopt Ordinance O24-019 An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$37,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:**     [Ord O24-019 New Money \\$37M LTD BTL 2024-11-21 FINAL.pdf](#)  
                              [Met Water 2024 - Ordinance Number O24-019- \\$37M GO Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds \(Alternate Revenue Source\) FINAL.pdf](#)

**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:**     8 -     Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**   1 -     Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

## Resolution

- 6     [24-1006](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating employees that have retired in the last year

**Attachments:**     [2024 Retirement List October 1. 2023 through September 30. 2024 Final 10.28.24](#)

**Adopted**

- 7     [24-1035](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing November as Puerto Rican Heritage Month

**Adopted**

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 8     [24-1045](#)     Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of October 2024, in the amount of \$37,619,194.44

**Attachments:**     [October 2024 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 9     [24-1024](#)

Authority to approve Travel Expenses for the Executive Director in the amount of \$2,241.78, Accounts 101-15000-612010, 612030, 612080

**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, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 10 [24-1027](#) Report of forfeiture of Contract 24-109-11, Furnish and Deliver a Gel Permeation Chromatograph System in the Organic Compounds Analytical Laboratory at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$43,970.02, Account 101-16000-634970, Purchase Order 3131284

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 11 [24-1029](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 5, 2024

**Published and Filed**

- 12 [24-1030](#) Report of Request for Proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, November 1, 2024

**Published and Filed**

### Authority to Advertise

- 13 [24-1012](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-655-11, Manhole and Infrastructure Repairs, estimated cost \$1,200,000.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Requisition 1621389

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-655-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 14 [24-1013](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-624-21, HVAC and Sludge Pump Improvements at Various Locations, estimated cost \$19,945,900.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisitions 1626920 and 1626921

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

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

### Issue Purchase Order

- 15 [24-1010](#) Issue purchase order to Thermo LabSystems, Inc., for Renewal Licenses and Software Upgrades for the Laboratory Information Management System, in an amount not to exceed \$144,749.27, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1627675

**Approved**

- 16   [24-1014](#)   Issue purchase order to Canon Solutions America, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Multi-Functional Devices, in an amount not to exceed \$225,795.41, Accounts 101-27000-623810, 634810, Requisition 1628223 *(As Revised)*  
**Approved**
- 17   [24-1015](#)   Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for FileMaker Pro Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$45,360.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1627797  
**Approved**
- 18   [24-1016](#)   Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC for licensing and maintenance of the SolarWinds ITSM system for a one-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$58,770.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1627943  
**Approved**
- 19   [24-1017](#)   Issue purchase order to Early Morning Software, Inc. for EMS PRISM Compliance Software License Renewal and Stage Infrastructure, in an amount not to exceed \$85,540.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1628243  
**Approved**
- 20   [24-1023](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP to conduct a technical review of the plan document for the District Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1627073  
**Approved**
- 22   [24-1036](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Ponder Diversity Group, LLC for Contract 23-RFP-07R, Small Business Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1596936  
**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 23   [24-1025](#)   Authority to award Contract 24-601-21, Mechanical Process Improvements at Various Locations, Group A to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc. (Independent), in an amount not to exceed \$8,991,250.00 and Groups B and D to John Burns Construction Company, LLC (Burns), in an amount not to exceed \$8,867,700.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisitions 1615055, 1615057, and 1615060

**Attachments:**   [Contract 24-601-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group A - Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc.](#)  
[Contract 24-601-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups B and D - John Burns Construction Company LLC.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 24   [24-1026](#)   Authority to award Contract 24-611-11, Repairs and Alterations to Various Water Reclamation Facilities, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$20,779,560.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650, Requisitions 1614216, 1614474, and 1614568 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**   [Contract 24-611-11 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Independent Mechanical Ind., Inc..pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 25   [24-1031](#)   Authority to award Contract 24-055-11 Furnish and Deliver Pipe Covering & Insulation to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, to Bay Insulation of Illinois, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,771.74, Accounts 101-20000-623170

**Attachments:**   [Contract 24-055-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 26   [24-1020](#)   Authority to decrease purchase order to Sunbelt Rentals Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Two (2) Rental Low-Temperature Chillers and Accessories to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant for an approximately three-month period under Sourcwell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 062320-SNB, in an amount of \$122,732.71, from an amount of \$213,646.03, to an amount not to exceed \$90,913.32, Account 101-69000-612330, Purchase Order 3130085

**Approved**

- 27   [24-1021](#)   Authority to increase purchase order with the law firm of Neal & Leroy, LLC, to represent the District in acquiring certain property rights in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek (Contract 14-253-5F) in Robbins, Illinois, in an amount of \$40,000.00, from an amount of \$300,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00, Account 501-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3111426

**Approved**

- 28   [24-1033](#)   Authority to increase Contract 17-131-4FR McCook Reservoir Rock Wall Stabilization and Geotechnical Instrumentation, SSA, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$339,389.82, from an amount of \$22,079,118.61, to an amount not to exceed \$22,418,508.43, Account 401-50000-645630, Purchase Order 4000086

**Attachments:**   [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000086.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29 [24-1051](#) Authority to increase purchase order with the law firm of Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd. to conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of the District's procurement policies and procedures in an amount of \$55,000.00, from an amount of \$95,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Account 101-30000-612430, Purchase Order 3130512

Approved

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 30 [24-1046](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the months of August and September 2024

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report Aug and Sept 2024 5% Contingency Final Revised- Final.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report August and September 2024 - final.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 3 CO Report August and September 2024 5% Contingency](#)

Published and Filed

## Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

### Authorization

- 31 [24-1039](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700

Attachments: [Local 700 Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [24-1040](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and The Building Trades Coalition

Attachments: [Building Trades Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [24-1041](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 9, Electrical Instrumentation and Testing (AFL-CIO)

Attachments: [Local 9 EITM Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [24-1042](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 9, Electrical Operations (AFL-CIO)

Attachments: [Local 9 Electrical Operations Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [24-1043](#) Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 9, Motor Vehicle Dispatcher Group (AFL-CIO)

Attachments: [Local 9 Motor Vehicle Dispatcher Group Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

Approved

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 36 [24-1018](#) Authority to grant the Wilmette Park District an 8-year, approximately 7,300± sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to construct, operate, and maintain roadway improvements to Harbor Drive on portions of North Shore Channel Parcels 1.03 and 1.14 in Wilmette, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Wilmette Park District Easement - NSC 1.14 and 1.03 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 37 [24-1019](#) Authority to settle the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Wendell Poole, et al.*, Case No. 21L050123 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for final just compensation in the amount of \$85,000.00, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Robbins Parcel 12 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 38 [24-1034](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$7,800.00 to acquire the real estate commonly known as 13541 South Sacramento Avenue in Robbins, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Charles Soteras, et al.*, Case No. 2024L050210 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Acquisition of 13541 S. Sacramento Ave Robbins IL \(MWRD Parcel 11\) Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

**Stormwater Management Committee****Authorization**

- 39    [24-1047](#)    Authority to execute a second amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Riverside for the Groveland Avenue Levee Improvements in Riverside, SSA (18-IGA-20)

**Approved**

- 40    [24-1048](#)    Authority to make payment to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the IDOT 55th Street Relief Sewer (23-IGA-34), in an amount not to exceed \$810,410.04

**Approved**

- 41    [24-1049](#)    Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Lyons Township Road District for the Acquisition of Flood-Prone Properties and Construction of Stormwater Storage in Lyons Township (23-IGA-43), in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400

**Approved**

- 42    [24-1050](#)    Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to Orland Township Road District for the 157th Street and Spring Creek Flood Mitigation in Orland Township (24-IGA-24), in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400

**Attachments:**    [24-IGA-24 Exhibit.pdf](#)  
                          [24-IGA-24 ARPA Stormwater Projects List.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 43    [24-1044](#)    Authority to Approve the Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and SEIU Local 1, Firemen-Oilers and Police Officers Division

**Attachments:**    [SEIU Local 1 Agreement 2024-2027.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 44    [24-1052](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Commissioner Daniel Pogorzelski for his years of dedication and service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Adopted**

- 45    [24-1053](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos for her years of dedication and service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago *(As Revised)*

**Adopted**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 14**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

**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 December 5, 2024, 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: November 22, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., November 26, 2024

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Daniel Pogorzelski, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, December 5, 2024 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, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

**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 November 21, 2024, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

November 21, 2024