

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 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 Yumeka Brown, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the last meeting of September 4, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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: 19

Agenda Item #19 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 Yumeka Brown, 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 18, 2025 was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:05 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance - Industrial Waste

- 1 [IW25-002](#) 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 9.18.25.pdf](#)
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance - Redline - USEPA - 9.5.25.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Industrial Waste 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

- 2 [25-0696](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
Adopted
- 3 [25-0701](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing September as National Preparedness Month
Adopted
- 4 [25-0702](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month and honoring Jaime di Paulo, Alderman Gilbert Villegas, and UIC LARES
Adopted
- 5 [25-0703](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners welcoming the Water Environment Federation to Chicago for the 98th Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference
Adopted

Finance Committee**Report**

- 6 [25-0675](#) Report on the investment interest income during July 2025

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-07 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 7 [25-0676](#) Report on investments purchased during July 2025

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-07 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 8 [25-0677](#) Report on the investment interest income during August 2025

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-08 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 9 [25-0678](#) Report on investments purchased during August 2025

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-08 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 10 [25-0691](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of August 2025, in the amount of \$42,562,343.25

Attachments: [August 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 11 [25-0704](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 12 [25-0670](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-102-11 Boat Maintenance, Repairs, and Parts for the PC100 Boat, estimated cost \$84,600.00, Account 101-16000-612790, Requisition 1644515

Approved

- 13 [25-0673](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-05 Professional Underwriting Services for District Bond Sales for a five-year period.

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 14 [25-0686](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-677-11, Overhead Door Maintenance at various Service Areas, estimated cost \$597,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680, Requisitions 1643484, 1643074, and 1640185

Attachments: [Contract 26-677-11 Groups A, B, and C Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 15 [25-0687](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-06, FERC Relicensing for Lockport Powerhouse, estimated cost \$2,000,000.00, Account 101-66000-612430, Requisition 1645218

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-06 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0697](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-021-11, Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$372,000.00, Accounts 101-16000, 20000, 69000-623820

Attachments: [Contract 26-021-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 17 [25-0698](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-022-11, Furnish and Deliver Diesel Fuel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, in an amount not-to-exceed \$360,000.00, Accounts 101-16000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623820, 501-50000-623280, Requisitions 1642501, 1642947, 1643743, 1644094, 1644809

Attachments: [Contract 26-022-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 18 [25-0700](#) Authority to advertise Request for Proposal 25-RFP-19 Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program for a five-year period, estimated cost \$235,100.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1645302 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 19 [25-0679](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. for Contract 24-CON-03, Professional Engineering Services for Project 14-065-5F, Flood Control Project on Central Road from the Des Plaines River to Glenwood Lane, NSA in an amount not to exceed \$2,204,293.84, Account 501-50000-612450, Requisition 1644812 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 24-CON-03 \(Project 14-065-5F\) Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Bowman Consulting Group](#)

Deleted by the Acting Executive Director

Award Contract

- 20 [25-0689](#) Authority to award Contract 25-666-11, Security Services at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to D & S Private Detective, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$259,999.80, Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1636772

Attachments: [Contract 25-666-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 21 [25-0667](#) Authority to decrease Contract 23-102-11 Collection, Shipment, and Analysis of Water Samples from the Thornton Composite Reservoir, McCook Reservoir Site and Monitoring Wells to A3 Environmental, LLC in an amount of \$22,707.00, from an amount of \$142,537.24, to an amount not to exceed \$119,830.24, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 5001903

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001903](#)

Approved

- 22 [25-0669](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Grace Analytical Laboratory, Inc. for Chemical Analysis in an amount of \$15,000.00, from an amount of \$6,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$21,500.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 8010960

Approved

- 23 [25-0680](#) Authority to increase Contract 07-027-3SR North Side Sludge Pipeline Replacement - Section 1, NSA, Rebid, to Joel Kennedy Construction Corporation in an amount of \$585,612.93, from an amount of \$27,920,405.57, to an amount not to exceed \$28,506,018.50, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000091

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000091](#)

Approved

- 24 [25-0681](#) Authority to increase Contract 18-148-3P Digester Rehabilitation and Gas Piping Replacement - Phase II, SWRP, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$366,486.74, from an amount of \$54,972,836.26, to an amount not to exceed \$55,339,323.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000106 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000106](#)

Approved

- 25 [25-0682](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-542-3MR Central Boiler Facility and Electrical Updates, Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$38,767.30, from an amount of \$14,448,051.58, to an amount not to exceed \$14,486,818.88, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000081

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000081](#)

Approved

- 26 [25-0683](#) Authority to decrease Contract 15-266-4H5, Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, CSA, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in a net credit amount of \$154,837.56, from an amount of \$26,133,634.92, to an amount not to exceed \$25,978,797.36 Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000082

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 400092.](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0685](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Woodland Valuation Services, LLC d/b/a Appraisal Associates, Contract 24-RFP-06, Professional Real Estate Appraisal Services for a three-year period, in an amount of \$15,000.00, from an amount of \$175,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, Account 501-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3132683

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 28 [25-0705](#) Authority to transfer 2025 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$317,700.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [09.18.25 Board Transfer for Board Approval #1.pdf](#)
[09.18.25 Board Transfer for Board Approval #2.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 29 [25-0684](#) Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements for plant upgrades with the Fox River Water Reclamation District

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 30 [25-0694](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Keith Conry vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 18WC06548, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$56,641.50, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee**Reports**

- 31 [25-0690](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Acting Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of August 2025

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

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee**Authorization**

- 32 [25-0692](#) Authorization to Amend the Investment Policy for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 401(a) Plan, effective October 1, 2025

Attachments: [Investment Policy - Amended \(Final-Redlined\) Mar 2025 \(add 401a\)](#)

Approved

- 33 [25-0693](#) Authorization to implement the Plan Document for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 401(a) Plan, effective July 1, 2025

Attachments: [401a Basic Plan Document \(Final\).pdf](#)
[401a Plan Document Adoption Agreement.pdf](#)

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 34 [25-0688](#) Authority to grant Northern Illinois Gas Company, d/b/a Nicor Gas Company, a 25-year, 12,000± square foot non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a 4-inch diameter natural gas pipeline beneath the Cal-Sag Channel and a portion of Main Channel Parcel 26.03 in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$6,480.00

Attachments: [RE - Nicor Easement E-284 Renewal.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [25-0695](#) Authority to issue a 2-month permit to Bulley & Andrews, LLC to temporarily install a hydraulic lift on the District's Main Office Building Annex walkway for construction purposes. Consideration shall be a fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [RE - Bulley and Andrews Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 19

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, 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

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 October 2, 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 19, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., September 24, 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, October 2, 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 September 18, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

September 18, 2025