

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 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 10:30 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of October 17, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Karl Malchut, activist & organizer, addressed the board regarding the election and democracy*

*Christopher J. Clark, Mayor of the City of Harvey, Tyrone Rogers, Alderman of the 6th ward of Harvey, Jerlene Harris, Virginia Thornton, Ross Burgess, Trancita Mickens, Jacqueline Wilson, residents of Harvey, Telanee Smith, Alderman of the 3rd ward of Harvey, Shirley Drewenski, Alderman of Harvey, Joesph Whittington Jr, Former Alderman of the 2nd ward of Harvey, Kim Polk, relocation specialist in Harvey, addressed the board in support of the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin in Harvey*

*Ryan Sinwelski, resident of Harvey and head of the Harvey Historical Society, Pearl Broomfield, and Sharron McGee, resident of Harvey, addressed the board regarding concerns for the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin in Harvey*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Cameron Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of November 7, 2024 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## Executive Session

None

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

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

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Resolution

- 1    [24-0972](#)        RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing October as Hindu Heritage Month  
**Adopted**
  
- 2    [24-0973](#)        RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Veterans Day  
**Adopted**
  
- 3    [24-0984](#)        RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month  
**Adopted**
  
- 4    [24-0985](#)        RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners authorizing the adoption of Volume I of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety and certain portions of Volume 2  
  
**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Resolution 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele  
  
    **Absent:** 1 - Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 5    [24-0958](#)        Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
**Published and Filed**
  
- 6    [24-0959](#)        Report of Request for Proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, October 11, 2024  
**Published and Filed**

- 7 [24-0993](#) Report on amendment of Board Order of September 19, 2024, regarding Authority to award Contract 24-651-21, Remove and Replace Pavement at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and D, to McGill Construction Co. (McGill), in an amount not to exceed \$682,317.00, and Group C to K-Five Construction Corporation (K-Five), in an amount not to exceed \$393,500.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1616892, Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 24-0827

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of September 19, 2024 - Contract 24-651-21 \(Groups A, B, C and D\)](#)  
[Attachment to Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of September 19, 2024 - Contract 24-651-21 Groups A,B,D](#)

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 8 [24-0990](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 23-RFP-23 Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator, with the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, for a five-year period, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

### Authority to Advertise

- 9 [24-0954](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-408-11 Janitorial Services for the Main Office Building Complex, estimated cost \$2,900,000.00, Accounts 101-15000-612370/612390, Requisition 1622025

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-408-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 10 [24-0982](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-646-51, Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, estimated cost \$3,890,000.00, Accounts 101/501-50000/66000-612420/612620, Requisition 1624775

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-646-51 - Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 11 [24-1007](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-087-3P Chemical Phosphorus Removal, OWRP, estimated cost between \$15,949,033.20 and \$19,306,724.40, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1627083

**Attachments:** [Contract 20-087-3P Fact Sheet](#)  
[Contract 20-087-3P Affirmative Action 98% Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 12 [24-0961](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for Adobe Software License Subscription Renewal and New Licenses, in an amount not to exceed \$109,855.70, Accounts 101-27000-612820, 623800 Requisition 1626048  
**Approved**
- 13 [24-0963](#) Issue purchase order to National Fire Protection Association for National Fire Codes On-Line Subscription License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$27,720.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1626306  
**Approved**
- 14 [24-0965](#) Issue purchase order to CommVault Systems, Inc. for Maintenance renewal and license adjustment for CommVault's Backup Software, in an amount not to exceed \$27,948.80, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1627174  
**Approved**
- 15 [24-0968](#) Issue purchase order to AVI-SPL LLC and enter into a three-year agreement with Avaya, Inc. for Telecommunications Equipment, Maintenance Support, and E911 Calling, in an amount not to exceed \$1,513,932.44, Accounts 101-27000-612430 and 612840, Requisition 1627173 *(As Revised)*  
**Approved**
- 16 [24-0979](#) 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  
**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-08 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
**Approved**
- 17 [24-0980](#) Issue purchase order to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Marine Liability and Hull Insurance for District marine vessels in an amount not to exceed \$38,365.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1626430  
**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Appendix A Report - Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc.](#)  
**Approved**
- 18 [24-0981](#) Issue purchase order to Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc. to Furnish Property Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$3,071,000.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1626736  
**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Appendix A Report - Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.](#)  
**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 19 [24-0991](#) Authority to award Contract 20-161-3S, Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer No. 3 Rehabilitation, SSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC (Inliner), in an amount not to exceed \$19,872,654.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$993,632.70, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,866,286.70, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1617130

**Attachments:** [Contract 20-161-3S Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports - Inliner Solutions, LLC](#)

**Approved**

- 20 [24-0999](#) Authority to award Contract 25-673-11, Heavy Equipment Maintenance at Various Locations, Groups A and B, to West Side Tractor Sales Co., in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612760, Requisitions 1620029 and 1620010

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-673-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A and B](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [24-1001](#) Authority to award Contract 24-987-11, Specialty Railroad Track Services in the Stickney Service Area, to Harbour Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00, Account 101-69000-612670, Requisition 1597409

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-987-11 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 22 [24-0955](#) Authority to decrease Contract 23-936-11, Furnishing and Delivering Citric Acid to Wilson Industrial Sales Company, Inc., in an amount of \$47,410.00, from an amount of \$147,439.60, to an amount not to exceed \$100,029.60, Account 101-69000-623560, Purchase Order 3124049

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3124049](#)

**Approved**

- 23 [24-0957](#) Authority to decrease Contract 22-107-21 Installation of a New Air Diffuser System in the North Aeration Basin and Associated Work at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc. in an amount of \$57,729.00, from an amount of \$2,346,976.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,289,247.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001882

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001882](#)

**Approved**

- 24 [24-0967](#) Authority to decrease Contract 20-613-13 (Re-Bid), Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, Groups A and B, to Independent Recycling Services, Inc., in an amount of \$93,978.70, from an amount of \$2,637,539.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,543,560.30, Accounts 101/501-50000/68000/69000-612520, Purchase Orders 5001818 and 5001819

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 5001818 and 5001819](#)

**Approved**

- 25 [24-0971](#) Authority to increase Contract 23-646-51, Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group A, to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount of \$347,000.00, from an amount of \$3,588,228.88, to an amount not to exceed \$3,935,228.88, Accounts 101/501-50000/66000-612420/612620, Purchase Order 5001893

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001893.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 26 [24-0983](#) Authority to increase Contract 16-127-3DR A/B and C/D Service Tunnel Rehabilitation - Phase Three, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$173,551.28, from an amount of \$29,006,234.25, to an amount not to exceed \$29,179,785.53, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000097

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000097](#)

**Approved**

- 27 [24-0987](#) Authority to increase Contract 24-101-11 Boat Maintenance, Repairs, and Parts for the PC100 Boat to Marine Services Corp. in an amount of \$26,800.00, from an amount of \$70,100.00, to an amount not to exceed \$96,900.00, Account 101-16000-612790, 623990, Purchase Order 3127207 *(As Revised)*

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Report

- 28 [24-1002](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the third quarter of 2024, ended September 30, 2024

**Attachments:** [2024 Q3 Budget Summary Report.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 29 [24-0994](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from July through September 2024 for contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report for 11-187-3F July to September 2024.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report for 11-187-3F July to September 2024.pdf](#)

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## Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee

### Report

- 30 [24-0956](#) Report on Public Notification of Dischargers found in Significant Noncompliance with Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements

**Attachments:** [2023 Significant Noncompliance Board Letter.pdf](#)  
[2023 Significant Noncompliance - Attachment 1.pdf](#)  
[2023 Significant Noncompliance - Attachment 2.pdf](#)

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## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 31 [24-0977](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Michael Dermody vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 23 WC 28669, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$30,746.10 Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

## Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

### Authorization

- 32 [24-0998](#) Authority to extend until November 30, 2024, the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and SEIU Local 1, Firemen and Oilers Division

Approved

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 33 [24-1000](#) Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for 2023

**Attachments:** [Deferred Comp Report 2023 FINAL](#)  
[Exhibit 1a - Deferred Comp Financial Statements](#)  
[Exhibit 1b - Statement of Investments](#)

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## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 34 [24-0970](#) Authority to grant a 26-year, approximately 20' x 1080' non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company to install, operate, maintain, repair, and replace electrical transmission lines and related facilities on District real estate located south of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and east of Illinois Route 83 in Lemont, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 26.01. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - 26-year ComEd Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [24-0989](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$6,000.00 to acquire the real estate commonly known as 3136 West 139th Street in Robbins, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Heirs at Law and/or Legatees of Ethel Knox, Deceased, et al., Case No. 2024L050219 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:** [RE - Authority to pay just compensation 3136 W. 139th Robbins Parcel 29 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Report

- 37 [24-0995](#) Report on termination of Project 23-IGA-26, Acquisition of Flood-Prone Properties in Northlake Phase IV, approved in an amount of \$550,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Purchase Order 3126967

**Attachments:** [Exhibit 1 - 09.30.24 Northlake Cancellation Letter.pdf](#)

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### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 4

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

None

#### Summary of Requests

*Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee Item #30*

*1. Cameron Davis requested more information on the worst case scenarios the District has seen regarding the escalating penalties of industrial users who remain in noncompliance*

#### Study Session

None

#### Announcements

None

#### Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 21, 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 8, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., November 13, 2024

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 21, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**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 7, 2024, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

November 7, 2024