

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 6, 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 Marcelino Garcia, that the minutes from the last meeting of May 16, 2024 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 Cameron 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 Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 27

Item # 27 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of June 6, 2024 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:15 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Motion

- 1     [24-0490](#)     MOTION to appoint Steven J. Lux as Treasurer of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

### Resolution

- 2     [24-0456](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June as Pride Month
- Adopted**
- 3     [24-0457](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June as a month of celebration of Puerto Rican pride
- Adopted**
- 4     [24-0458](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June 19th as Juneteenth
- Adopted**
- 5     [24-0489](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May 27th as Memorial Day
- Adopted**

### Finance Committee

#### Report

- 6     [24-0441](#)     Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on June 1, 2024
- Attachments:** [DS 2024-06 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**
- 7     [24-0472](#)     Report on the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust
- Published and Filed**

### Procurement Committee

**Report**

- 8    [24-0468](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
**Published and Filed**
- 9    [24-0473](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
**Published and Filed**
- 10   [24-0474](#)    Report on rejection of bids for Contract 24-624-11, Main Street Bridge Expansion Joint Replacement, estimated cost \$200,000.00  
**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 11   [24-0477](#)    Authorization for payment to Explico Inc. for Biomechanical Expert Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220  
**Approved**
- 12   [24-0478](#)    Authorization for payment to Inspe Associates LLC for Medical Expert Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220  
**Approved**
- 13   [24-0479](#)    Authorization for payment to Unified Engineering LP for Accident Reconstruction Expert Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, Account 901-30000-667220  
**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 14   [24-0443](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 24-934-11, Furnishing and Delivering Magnesium Chloride, estimated cost \$991,600.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1618486 (*As Revised*)  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 24-934-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
**Approved**
- 15   [24-0461](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 24-631-11, Furnishing and Delivering Ferric Chloride, estimated cost \$11,798,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1617752 and 1617861  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 24-631-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
**Approved**

- 16 [24-0471](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-651-21, Remove and Replace Pavement at Various Locations, estimated cost \$1,550,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1616892

Attachments: [24-651-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 17 [24-0482](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-401-11 Furnish and Deliver Police Uniforms for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, estimated cost \$76,000.00, Account 101-15000-623700, Requisition 1618071

Attachments: [Contract 24-401-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 18 [24-0488](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-635-51, Reservoir Mowing at Various Locations in Cook County, Illinois, estimated cost \$928,600.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Requisition 1616903

Attachments: [Contract 24-635-51 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 19 [24-0460](#) Issue purchase order to Canon Solutions America, Inc., for eCopy Sharescan Software Maintenance Renewal and New Licenses, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,974.52, Accounts 101-27000-612820, 623800, Requisition 1615061

**Approved**

- 20 [24-0462](#) Issue purchase order to Nearmap US Inc. for Nearmap Vertical for Government with ArcGIS Integration, in an amount not to exceed \$25,798.50, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1619728

**Approved**

- 21 [24-0466](#) Issue purchase order to APG Neuros Corp., to Furnish and Deliver an APG Neuros NX150-C070 Turbo Blower to the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$145,972.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1618660

**Approved**

- 22 [24-0467](#) Issue purchase order to Russo Power Equipment, to Furnish and Deliver one (1) Kubota Rugged Terrain Vehicle (RTV) to the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 031121-KBA, in an amount not to exceed \$29,757.49, Account 101-67000-634760, Requisition 1610941

**Approved**

- 23 [24-0470](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Trelix (formerly known as FireEye) Network Security Licensing and Support, in an amount not to exceed \$105,100.00, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1619727

**Approved**

- 24 [24-0475](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-425-11, Furnish and Deliver Paper to Various District Locations, to Bebon Office Machines Co., in an amount not to exceed \$166,247.80, Account 101-15000-623520, Requisition 1616437

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-425-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 25 [24-0484](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-641-11, Furnishing and Delivering Liquid Carbon Dioxide to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Linde, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,042,627.07, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1611808

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-641-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 26 [24-0445](#) Authority to award Contract 24-004-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Steel and Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Super Roco Steel and Tube, LTD. II, in an amount not to exceed \$185,465.36, Accounts 101-20000-623030, 623090, 623130

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-004-11 - Item Descriptions](#)  
[Contract 24-004-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 27 [24-0464](#) Authority to award Contract 24-017-11, Furnish and Deliver Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies, Wire, and Cable to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B, C, D, F, G and H to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$339,302.41, and Group E to J.P. Simons & Co., in an amount not to exceed \$14,753.48. Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623170, 623190, 623250, 623680, 623850

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-017-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

- 28    [24-0465](#)    Authority to award Contract 24-033-11, Furnish and Deliver Air Filters to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Groups A, C, & D to Filterbuy Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$84,666.14, and Group B to Chicago United Industries, LTD., in an amount not to exceed \$13,941.21, Account 101-20000-623270

Attachments:    [Contract 24-033-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C and D](#)

**Approved**

- 29    [24-0485](#)    Authority to award Contract 24-070-11, Furnish and Deliver Batteries to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,654.27, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623250

Attachments:    [Contract 24-070-11 - Item Descriptions.](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 30    [24-0429](#)    Authority to decrease Contract 18-702-31, Furnish, Deliver and Install Disc Filters at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$308,923.00, from an amount of \$9,452,316.00, to an amount not to exceed \$9,143,393.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001863

Attachments:    [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001863](#)

**Approved**

- 31    [24-0444](#)    Authority to increase Contract 22-611-11, Repair and Alterations to Various Water Reclamation Facilities, Groups A, B, and C, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$2,324,104.37, from an amount of \$12,295,400.00, to an amount not to exceed \$14,619,504.37, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650, Purchase Orders 5001883, 5001884 and 5001885

**Approved**

- 32    [24-0451](#)    Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Workforce Software, LLC to provide Continuous Care Services Hours Package for the Time Management System, in an amount of \$22,900.00, from an amount of \$23,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$46,400.00, Account 101-40000-612430, Purchase Order 3126593

**Approved**

- 33    [24-0455](#)    Authority to increase Contract 24-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B, to Gosia Cartage, Ltd., in an amount of \$1,083,500.00, from an amount of \$2,463,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$3,547,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Purchase Orders 5001961 and 5001962

**Approved**

- 34 [24-0459](#) Authority to increase Contract 24-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount of \$4,302,500.00, from an amount of \$5,940,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$10,242,500.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Purchase Orders 5001948 and 5001949

**Approved**

- 35 [24-0469](#) 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, L.L.C., in an amount of \$2,121,362.50, from an amount of \$188,306,115.91, to an amount not to exceed \$186,184,753.41, Account 101-69000-612590, Purchase Order 5000950

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

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 36 [24-0440](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Eric Ortega vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 23 WC 15836, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$18,500.00, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

- 37 [24-0446](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Shawndena Redmond vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 20WC021425, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$17,003.98 Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

- 38 [24-0487](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Rachel Harris vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number W003614967 in the sum of \$43,927.03, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports



- 39 [24-0375](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of April 2024

Attachments: [R-98 Report April 2024.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 40 [24-0450](#) Authority to issue a one-month permit to Commonwealth Edison Company to access the District's Touhy Avenue (O'Hare) Reservoir to perform soil resistivity testing. Consideration shall be a fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [RE - ComEd One Month Permit to Touhy Avenue \(O'Hare\) Reservoir Aerial](#)

Approved

- 41 [24-0448](#) Authorization for payment to Commonwealth Edison Company, Illinois, for an advanced engineering deposit for work related to Contract 23-379-3E Switchgear and Motor Control Center Replacement, Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$22,848.00, Account 401-50000-645750

Attachments: [23-379-3E Agreement.pdf](#)

Approved

- 42 [24-0483](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of April 2024

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report April 2024 5% Contingency Final.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report April 2024 Final.pdf](#)

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### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 27

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

### Executive Session

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 2.06(D) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: 9:0

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:45 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

*Michael Malatt, Partner at Baker Tilly, gave a presentation to the board on the 2023 Audit Results of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust Fund (Re: Finance Item #7)*

### Summary of Requests

#### *Procurement Committee Item 10*

- 1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested the current software contract expiration date*
- 2. Kari K. Steele requested the Executive Director provide information to the board on any changes or updates that have occurred since the Procurement Study Session was held*
- 3. Marcelino Garcia requested an RFP for consulting services to review the Procurement and Diversity process*
- 4. Cameron Davis requested the use of an outside independent audit agency that has not been used in the past*
- 5. Kari K. Steele requested Commissioners send their suggestions on this item to her office and to the Executive Director's office*

#### *Procurement Committee Item 27*

- 1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested a progress report on the draft of the mentor protégé program before we start implementation*

#### *Procurement Committee Item 35*

- 1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a memo with an update on this contract*

### Study Session

*None*

### Announcements

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 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: June 7, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., June 12, 2024

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, June 20, 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:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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 June 6, 2024, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

June 6, 2024