

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 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.

Eira L. Corral-Sepulveda provided notice requesting remote attendance. The Board determined that the notice for remote attendance complies with the requirements and allowed Eira L. Corral-Sepulveda 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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to correct the minutes from the last meeting of March 6, 2025, to amend the approval of the Consent Agenda roll call to include item 19 as an exception item. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to accept the corrected minutes from the last meeting of March 6, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Tessa Murray, Friends of the Chicago River, and Mark Eddington, Illinois Association of Waterwater Agencies, addressed the Board regarding Resolution item 37.

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, 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 Agenda with the exception of Items: 19, 21, 22, 23, and 27

Items # 19 and 27 were deleted by the Executive Director

Items # 21 and 22 were deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Items # 23 was deferred by Kari K. Steele

A motion was made by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, seconded by Marcelino Garcia to move Agenda Item # 31 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; and Kari K. Steele

Nay: 1 - Sharon Waller

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 March 20, 2025 was adjourned at 11:55 a.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 [25-0230](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing March 22nd as World Water Day

Adopted

- 2 [25-0232](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the National Honor Society of Wendell Phillips High School

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 3 [25-0207](#) Report on the investment interest income during January 2025
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 4 [25-0208](#) Report on investments purchased during January 2025
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 5 [25-0209](#) Report on the investment interest income during February 2025
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 6 [25-0210](#) Report on investments purchased during February 2025
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 7 [25-0226](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of February 2025, in the amount of \$33,705,606.44 (*As Revised*)
Attachments: [February 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [25-0211](#) Revised Investment Policy for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago dated as of March 20, 2025
Attachments: [2025 Summary of Changes to Investment Policy.pdf](#)
 [District Investment Policy 2025 REDLINE pdf.pdf](#)
 [District Investment Policy 2025.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele
- Absent:** 1 - Beth McElroy Kirkwood

Procurement Committee

Report

- 9 [25-0198](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Published and Filed
- 10 [25-0223](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 22-903-21, Centrifuge Improvements at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$5,451,597.00
Published and Filed
- 11 [25-0231](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 12 [25-0192](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-654-11, Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Sluice Gate Valve Actuators, estimated cost \$1,077,700.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612600/623070/623270, Requisitions 1628821, 1632615, 1632616, and 1632617
Attachments: [Contract 25-654-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
Approved
- 13 [25-0206](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-618-11, Specialized Repairs for Large Motors and Excitation Systems, estimated cost \$445,800.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/623070, Requisitions 1632666, 1632667, and 1632668
Attachments: [Contract 25-618-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 14 [25-0199](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 24-RFP-14, Agenda Management Solution for a five-year period with Granicus, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$150,287.54, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1623606
Attachments: [Contract 24-RFP-14 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Granicus, LLC](#)
Approved

- 15 [25-0203](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 25-619-11, Lubricant Analysis and Testing, to Tribologik Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240, Requisitions 1619811, 1619729, and 1619730 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 25-619-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Tribologik Corporation](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0213](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 25-100-13 (Re-Bid), Preventative Maintenance for Steam Sterilizers, Labor, and Parts, to Scientific Services Plus, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$45,005.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1619436

Approved

- 17 [25-0228](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 25-670-51, Repair and Maintenance of Debris, Pontoon and Skimmer Boats, Groups A and B, to Marine Services Corp., in an amount not to exceed \$178,850.00, Account 501-50000-612790, Requisition 1623437

Attachments: [Contract 25-670-51 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 18 [25-0200](#) Authority to award Contract 24-616-11, Furnish and Deliver Chiller Parts and Services to Various Locations, Group B, to Carrier Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.00. Accounts 101-69000-612680/623270, Requisition 1622712

Attachments: [Contract 24-616-11 \(Group B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Carrier Corporation](#)

Approved

- 19 [25-0201](#) Authority to award Contract 25-664-11, Seal Coating of Roads and Patching of Pavement at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to United Contractors Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Illinois Valley Paving, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1627189

Attachments: [Contract 25-664-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - United Contractors Midwest, Inc. dba Illinois Valley Paving](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 20 [25-0214](#) Authority to award Contract 25-667-11, Native Prairie Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, Groups A, B, and C, to Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$456,600.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1617127

Attachments: [Contract 25-667-11 \(Group A\) Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Semper Fi](#)
[Contract 25-667-11 \(Group B\) Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Semper Fi](#)
[Contract 25-667-11 \(Group C\) Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Semper Fi](#)

Approved

- 21 [25-0225](#) Authority to award Contract 25-027-11, Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Pacific Star Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$99,525.84, Group B to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$68,308.17, Group C to Crown Packaging International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$65,109.12, and Group D to Qorpak, a division of Berlin Packaging, in an amount not to exceed \$25,062.60, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 25-027-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report Groups A, B, C, and D](#)
[Contract 25-027-11 Item Descriptions Groups A, B, C, and D](#)

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 22 [25-0227](#) Authority to award Contract 25-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, C and D to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$188,304.04, and Group B to Taylor Distribution Group LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$15,801.49, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 25-028-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report Groups A, B, C, and D](#)
[Contract 25-028-11 Items Descriptions - Groups A, B, C, and D](#)

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 23 [25-0236](#) Authority to award Contract 20-087-3P, Chemical Phosphorus Removal, OWRP, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$14,226,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$711,300.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,937,300.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1627083

Attachments: [Contract 20-087-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report -IHC Construction Companies, LLC](#)

Deferred by Kari K. Steele

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 24 [25-0190](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unum Group to provide group term life insurance for employees in an amount of \$40,500.00, from an amount of \$357,267.83, to an amount not to exceed \$397,767.83, Account 101-25000-601250, 501-50000-601250, Purchase Orders 3120773 and 3120774 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3120773](#)
[Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3120774](#)

Approved

- 25 [25-0202](#) Authority to increase Contract 24-030-11, Furnish and Deliver Lubricants to various locations for a one-year period, Items 7, 12, 16, 19, and 23 awarded to Petroleum Service Company, from an amount of \$66,464.99, to an amount not to exceed \$141,464.99, Account 101-20000-623860, Agreement 7002216

Approved

- 26 [25-0205](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with The Northern Trust Corporation formally known as The Northern Trust Company, for Contract 17-RFP-10 Commercial Banking and Investment Custody Services, in an amount of \$7,500.00, from an amount of \$245,444.44 to an amount not to exceed \$252,944.44, Account 101-11000-612430, Purchase Order 3104902

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3104902](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0224](#) Authority to increase purchase order and extend co-operative contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, under the OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) to rent, launder, and deliver laboratory coats and coveralls to various locations, under Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number R-BB-19002, in the amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$19,800.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3129964

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 28 [25-0235](#) Authority to increase Contract 73-161-EH McCook Reservoir Excavation Agreement, to Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, in an amount of \$2,487,293.00, from an amount of \$115,370,234.25, to an amount not to exceed \$117,857,527.25, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5000176

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5000176](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

- 29 [25-0222](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024

Attachments: [2024 Q4 Budget Summary Report.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee**Report**

- 30 [25-0217](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2025

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report February 2025 5% Contingency Revised-FINAL.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report February 2025 - Final.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee**Authorization**

- 31 [25-0154](#) Authority to approve Amended Agreed Order of Settlement issued by the Board-appointed Hearing Officer in the reinstated Show Cause proceedings of *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Electronic Plating Co.*, Case No. 22B-003 (*Deferred from the March 6, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [JUD - Amended Agreed Order of Settlement \(Electronic Plating Co.\) - Order.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

Nay: 1 - Sharon Waller

Absent: 1 - Beth McElroy Kirkwood

- 32 [25-0234](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Robert Biel vs. MWRDGC, Claim numbers 17WC019694 and 22WC033084, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$27,066.37, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 33 [25-0194](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of February 2025

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

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 34 [25-0229](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$582,000.00 to acquire the real estate commonly known as 15305 Myrtle Avenue and 15307 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 - Acquisition of 15305 and 15307 Myrtle Avenue, Harvey IL. Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [25-0233](#) Authority to issue a 9-month permit to Walsh Vinci Transit Community Partners on a portion of the District's Calumet Water Reclamation Plant in Chicago, Illinois to conduct a tree survey, general survey, and soil resistivity testing. Consideration shall be a fee of \$5,000.00.

Attachments: [RE - CTA Tree Survey Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

- 36 [25-0221](#) Report on Conceptual Stormwater Project Submittals

Attachments: [25.03.20 Conceptual Project Prioritization List.pdf](#)
[25.03.20 Conceptual Project Submittals 2025.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 37 [25-0239](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Executive Director Brian A. Perkovich's 31 years of service to the District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 8, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27 and 31

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Beth McElroy Kirkwood

Miscellaneous and New Business**Meeting Summary****Speakers**

None

Summary of Requests*Procurement Committee Item #21 and 22*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on the number of vendors who received solicitations, what percentage of those vendors were minority, small business, women and others, and whether there was any targeted outreach for these groups as part of this procurement

2. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on how many contracts the District procures per year that are one-year contracts vs. multi-year contracts and a study on what other comparable institutions do

Miscellaneous and New Business

1. Patricia Theresa Flynn requested the Executive Director work with M&R department to explore collaborative research opportunities on the potential environmental benefits of industrial hemp

Study Session

A Study Session will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss the consultant's Procurement review.

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 3, 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: March 21, 2025.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 26, 2025.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 3, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Beth McElroy Kirkwood

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 March 20, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 20, 2025