

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 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.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of February 6, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Michael K. Harris Jr., family member of Annie Pearl Howard, addressed the board regarding Memorial Resolution Item 1*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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: 13 and 22

Item #13 was deleted by the Executive Director

Item #22 was deferred by Kari K. Steele

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to defer Agenda Item 32 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

**Nay:** 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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 February 20, 2025 was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:40 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Memorial Resolution

- 1    [25-0151](#)    MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Annie Pearl Howard

**Adopted**

### Motion

- 2    [25-0146](#)    MOTION to appoint Hearing Officers for 2025-26

**A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**    8 -    Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**    1 -    Marcelino Garcia

### Ordinance - Right of Way

- 3    [R25-001](#)    Adopt Ordinance No. R25-001 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the design, construction, land acquisition, maintenance, operation, and ownership of the Flood Control Project on Calumet-Sag Tributary C in Midlothian and Crestwood, Illinois (Contract 21-IGA-18) in parts of Sections 4 and 9, Township 36 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

**Attachments:**    [MISC NB - R25-001 ROW Ordinance Cal-Sag Trib C - Board Letter.pdf](#)

[MISC NB - R25-001 ROW Ordinance Cal-Sag Trib C - Ordinance.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**    8 -    Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**    1 -    Marcelino Garcia

- 4     [R25-002](#)     Adopt Ordinance No. R25-002 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the design, construction, land acquisition, maintenance, operation, and ownership of the Flood Control Project on Prairie Creek in Maine Township and Park Ridge, Illinois (Contract 12-056-5F) in parts of Sections 15 and 22, Township 41 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

**Attachments:**     [MISC NB - R25-002 ROW Ordinance Prairie Creek - Board Letter.pdf](#)  
                              [MISC NB - R25-002 ROW Ordinance Prairie Creek - Ordinance.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**     8 -     Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**     1 -     Marcelino Garcia

## **Resolution**

- 5     [25-0142](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week

**Adopted**

- 6     [25-0147](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners supporting legislation in the Illinois General Assembly that addresses per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

**Adopted**

## **Finance Committee**

### **Report**

- 7     [25-0128](#)     Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2025, in the amount of \$57,479,850.43

**Attachments:**     [January 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

**Published and Filed**

## **Procurement Committee**

### **Report**

- 8     [25-0121](#)     Report on forfeiture of Contract 25-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period to Organic Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$43,464.00, Account 101-20000-623700 (As Revised)

**Published and Filed**

- 9    [25-0123](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 4, 2025

**Published and Filed**

- 10   [25-0141](#)    Report on rejection of bids for Contract 23-378-3S, Upper Des Plaines Dropshafts 1/1A and 5 Rehabilitation and Calumet Dropshaft 34 Modification, NSA and CSA, estimated cost between \$6,175,000.00 and \$7,475,000.00

**Published and Filed**

#### **Authority to Advertise**

- 11   [25-0116](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 25-006-11, Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$198,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623170 and 623660

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-006-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 12   [25-0125](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 25-073-11 Furnish and Deliver Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$35,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-073-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 13   [25-0126](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 25-722-11, High Temperature Epoxy Pipe Coating at the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$80,000.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1634044

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-722-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 14   [25-0127](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 25-637-11, Inspection, Repairing, and Pressure Testing of Fire Sprinkler Systems at Various Locations, estimated cost \$158,000.00, Account 101-69000-612780, Requisition 1627674

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-637-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 15   [25-0129](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 25-626-11, Inspection, Repairing, and Pressure Testing of Clean Agent Fire Suppression Systems at Various Locations, estimated cost \$195,000.00, Account 101-69000-612780, Requisition 1627673

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-626-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 16    [25-0109](#)    Issue purchase order to R.S. Means Company, LLC, for RSMeans Online Annual License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$27,630.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1633635
- Approved**
- 17    [25-0114](#)    Issue purchase orders to Staples Contract and Commercial, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Non-Stock Office Supplies to Various Locations under the Sourcwell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number 070924-SCC, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Requisitions 1462110, 1623577, 1623988, 1623992, 1623996, 1624011, 1624284, 1624285, 1624289, 1624456, 1625055, 1625062, and 1625210
- Approved**
- 18    [25-0124](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Info-Tech Research Group Inc. for Information Technology Industry Research Analysis and Services in an amount not to exceed \$27,136.51, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1633434
- Approved**
- 19    [25-0134](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc., for license and software maintenance renewal for learning management and performance management software and content, in an amount not to exceed \$385,330.06, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1634138 (*As Revised*)
- Attachments:**    [Affirmative Action Goals Report - Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc.](#)
- Approved**
- 20    [25-0140](#)    Issue purchase order for Contract 25-104-11, Replacement Outboard Motors for PC30 Boat, to 2550 Ashland, LLC dba Chicago Yacht Works, in an amount not to exceed \$65,930.47, Account 101-16000-634790, Requisition 1628542
- Approved**
- 21    [25-0144](#)    Issue purchase orders to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc., to provide pumps, replacement parts, and equipment at various locations, for a three-year period, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,705,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623270.
- Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 22    [25-0118](#)    Authority to award Contract 25-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B to Synagro Central, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$3,778,388.15, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612520, Requisitions 1621439 and 1621818

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-692-11 \(Group A\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group A\) Revised Appendix D Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group B\) Revised Appendix D Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)

**Deferred by Kari K. Steele**

- 23    [25-0119](#)    Authority to award Contract 25-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$53,607.00, Account 101-20000-623700

**Attachments:**    [Contract 25-003-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-003-11 Item Descriptions](#)

**Approved**

- 24    [25-0143](#)    Authority to award Contract 24-616-11, Furnish and Deliver Chiller Parts and Services to Various Locations, to Air Comfort, LLC (Groups A and C), in an amount not to exceed \$605,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000-612680, and 623270, Requisitions 1622711 and 1622716

**Attachments:**    [Contract 24-616-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

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

- 25    [25-0136](#)    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 Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F) in the municipalities of Northlake, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Westchester, and Broadview, Illinois, in an amount of \$48,560.71, from an amount of \$2,180,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,228,560.71, Account 501-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3094927

**Attachments:**    [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3094927](#)

**Approved**

- 26 [25-0137](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-187-3F Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA to Judlau Contracting, Inc. in an amount of \$135,908.10, from an amount of \$77,479,890.42, to an amount not to exceed \$77,615,789.52, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000103

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000103.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 27 [25-0138](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-134-3MR Odor Control Facilities at Sludge Concentration, Southwest Coarse Screen, Overhead Weir, and Post-Centrifuge Building, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$34,541.10, from an amount of \$17,334,057.72, to an amount not to exceed \$17,368,598.82, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000071

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000071](#)

**Approved**

- 28 [25-0139](#) Authority to increase Contract 18-254-3P Chemical Phosphorus Removal Facility, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$7,257.36, from an amount of \$16,520,293.46, to an amount not to exceed \$16,527,550.82, Account 201-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000092

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000092](#)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 29 [25-0148](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2025

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2025 - FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 3 CO Report January 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 30 [25-0149](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from October through December 2024 for contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

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

**Published and Filed**



## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 31    [25-0130](#)    Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Anthony Blejski vs. MWRDGC, Claim number W004184043, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$56,367.85, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

## Public Health & Welfare Committee

### Authorization

- 32    [25-0082](#)    Authority to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to continue supporting its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program by extending the IGA for one year and to make payment to the CCSO in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490 (*Deferred from the February 6, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments:    [IGA 2018 CCSO-MWRD Executed.pdf](#)

*Cameron Davis lifted his earlier deferral*

Approved

## Public Information & Education

### Authorization

- 33    [25-0145](#)    Authorization to allow participation in 2025 parades

Approved

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 34    [25-0135](#)    Authority to grant the City of Palos Hills a 16-year, approximately 30' x 700' non-exclusive easement to construct, operate, and maintain a bicycle path on District real estate located along the north side of the Cal-Sag Channel between Roberts Road and Southwest Highway in Palos Hills, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 8.03. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments:    [RE - Palos Hills easement for Bike Path CSC Parcel 8.03 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

**Authorization**

- 35    [25-0150](#)    Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the Village of Flossmoor for the Acquisition of Flood-Prone Property in Flossmoor (23-IGA-27), in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400

**Approved**

- 36    [25-0152](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing January 1 as the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation (*As Revised*)

**Adopted**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2, 3, 4, 13 and 22**

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

**Absent:**    1 -    Marcelino Garcia

**Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Pension, Human Resources, and Civil Service to discuss one matter involving the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: 8:0**

**Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners**

**At 1:10 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order**

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

*None*

**Summary of Requests***Public Health & Welfare Committee Item #32*

1. *Cameron Davis requested if the District would have to pay for a full year in advance to participate*
2. *Precious Brady-Davis requested clarification on the timeline for pharmaceutical manufacturers to register*
3. *Precious Brady-Davis requested a timeline on negotiating a reimbursement from pharmaceutical manufacturers*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 6, 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: February 21, 2025

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

**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, March 6, 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, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

**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 February 20, 2025, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 20, 2025