

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 4, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of November 20, 2025 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Tim Touhy, Director of Communications at Friends of the Chicago River, addressed the Board regarding Resolution Item 4*

*Josina Morita, Cook County Commissioner and former MWRD Commissioner, addressed the Board to congratulate the new Executive Director*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, 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 Items: 9, 20, 32, 33, and 34

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to Defer Agenda Item 9. 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; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Items 20, 33 and 34 were deleted by the Executive Director

Item 32 was deferred by Cameron Davis

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Precious Brady-Davis, 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 December 4, 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

### Motion

- 1    [25-0908](#)    MOTION to amend OPEB Advance Funding Policy

**Attachments:**    [OPEB ADVANCE FUNDING POLICY.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent:**    1 -    Yumeka Brown

- 2    [25-0912](#)    MOTION to extend the term of Patrick Blanchard as Interim Inspector General of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago *(As Revised)*

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

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

**Absent:**    1 -    Yumeka Brown

### Ordinance - User charge

- 3    [UC25-001A](#)    Request Authority to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago *(As Revised)*

**Attachments:**    [Board Letter-2026 User Charge Ordinance-12.4.25](#)  
                          [Ordinance-User Charge-Clean 1.1.26.pdf](#)  
                          [Ordinance-User Charge-Redline 1.1.26.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this User Charge Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:**    1 -    Yumeka Brown

**Resolution**

- 4     [25-0915](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Friends of the Chicago River for winning the Thiess International River Prize

**Adopted**

**Procurement Committee****Report**

- 5     [25-0890](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 18, 2025

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 6     [25-0880](#)     Authorization to accept bid for Contract 25-362-11 to sell approximately 0.14± acres of District land located at 6861 North Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, Illinois, from NP Riverbank, LLC in the amount of \$95,000.00 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**     [Contract 25-362-11 Aerial View - 0.14± acres of District land located at 6861 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles](#)

**Approved**

- 7     [25-0889](#)     Authorization to enter into an agreement with The Gordian Group, Inc., for professional services for the development and implementation of the Job Order Contracting system, in an amount not to exceed \$234,000.00, Accounts 101, 201, 401, 501, and 901 Funds

**Attachments:**     [Exhibit A - Annual Volume Discount Table - JOC \(25-942-11\)](#)

**Approved**

- 8     [25-0901](#)     Authorization to enter into agreements with Consultadd Inc., CCS Learning Academy, Educational Data Systems, Inc. (EDSI), Illinois Institute of Technology, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, and Nova Collective LLC, pursuant to Contract 24-RFP-10 Agreements for Professional Development Program for Management Development and Information Technology, Account 101-25000-601100

**Attachments:**     [Contract 24-RFP-10 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 9     [25-0848](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-24, Furnish, Deliver, and Install Web-Based Compliance Software, estimated cost \$250,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430 and 612820, Requisition 1648399 (*Deferred from the November 20, 2025 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:**     [Contract 25-RFP-24 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Agenda Item be Deferred. 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

- 10     [25-0897](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 18-249-AF, Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, estimated cost between \$11,408,571.00 and \$13,810,376.00, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1648983

**Attachments:**     [Contract 18-249-AF Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 11     [25-0900](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 26-612-11, Street Sweepers at Various Locations, estimated cost \$271,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612420, Requisitions 1646951 and 1647199

**Attachments:**     [Contract 26-612-11 Groups A and B Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 12     [25-0877](#)     Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Microsoft Azure Cloud Services, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1648850

**Approved**

- 13     [25-0894](#)     Issue purchase order to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Excess Casualty Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$2,126,879.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1648716

**Attachments:**     [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 14 [25-0903](#) Issue purchase orders to LAI, LLC., to Furnish and Deliver Process Equipment and Parts to Various Locations for a Three-Year Period, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,025,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623270, 623780, and 634650 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

- 15 [25-0905](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 25-856-11, Furnish and Deliver Two TARP Orbinox PLC Replacements to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to SOAP SCADA, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$124,736.55, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1640953

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-856-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 16 [25-0886](#) Authority to award Contract 25-942-11, Job Order Contracting Services, Groups A, B, and C, to McDonagh Demolition, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00, Accounts 101/201/401/501/ 901-VAR-VAR (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-942-11 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix D Report - McDonagh Demolition, Inc..pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-942-11 Tabulation of Bids Received](#)

**Approved**

- 17 [25-0887](#) Authority to award Contract 26-021-11, Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Petroleum Traders Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$257,858.25, and Group B to Avalon Petroleum Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$58,530.47, Accounts 101-16000, 20000, 69000-623820, Requisitions 1642502, 1642946, 1643082, 1643083

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

**Approved**

- 18 [25-0888](#) Authority to award Contract 26-022-11, Furnish and Deliver Diesel Fuel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period to J.T. Barrier LLC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$360,000.00, Accounts 101-16000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623820, 501-50000-63280, Requisitions 1642501, 1642947, 1643743, 1644094, 1644809

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

**Approved**

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

- 19    [25-0884](#)    Authority to increase purchase order and exercise an option to extend agreement for a one-year period, for Contract 24-RFP-11, Federal Legislative Consulting Services, with O'Connell & Dempsey, LLC, in an amount of \$175,000.00, from an amount of \$175,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Purchase Order 3132694

**Approved**

- 20    [25-0895](#)    Authority to increase 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 \$33,649.00, from an amount of \$9,143,393.00, to an amount not to exceed \$9,177,042.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001863

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

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 21    [25-0896](#)    Authority to increase Contract 18-148-3P Digester Rehabilitation and Gas Piping Replacement - Phase II, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$328,180.44, from an amount of \$52,823,481.22, to an amount not to exceed \$53,151,661.66, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000106

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

**Approved**

- 22    [25-0898](#)    Authority to decrease 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 \$7,843.00, from an amount of \$14,486,818.88, to an amount not to exceed \$14,478,975.88, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000081

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

**Approved**

- 23    [25-0902](#)    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 Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF), in an amount of \$19,969.23, from an amount of \$875,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$894,969.23, Account 501-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3124253

**Attachments:**    [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3124253](#)

**Approved**

- 24 [25-0913](#) Authority to Increase purchase order and amend agreement with attorney Patrick Blanchard to continue his service as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Interim Inspector General, in an amount of \$150,000.00 from an amount of \$175,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Purchase Order 3135089 (As Revised)

**Approved**

- 25 [25-0917](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. Enterprise FM Trust to provide fleet vehicle services for the District, under Sourcewell Contract 030122-EFM, in an amount of \$1,176,855.54, from an amount of \$5,627,300.00, to an amount not to exceed \$4,450,444.46, Accounts 101-15000-612330 and 612860, Purchase Order 3126843

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log 3126843.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Authorization

- 26 [25-0922](#) Authority to transfer 2025 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

**Attachments:** [12.04.25 Board Transfer for Board Approval](#)

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Report

- 27 [25-0909](#) Report on the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting ("Executive Session") Minutes

**Published and Filed**

- 28 [25-0921](#) Report on the Approval of Closed Meeting ("Executive Session") Minutes

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 29 [25-0918](#) Authority to settle the Property Damage Claim of American Family Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Makayla Boykin, Claim Number AP 1560, in the sum of \$13,496.42, arising from a May 28, 2025, automobile accident, Account 901-30000-667220

**Approved**



- 30    [25-0919](#)    Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Frank Pulido vs. MWRDGC, Claim Numbers 22WC08108 and 23WC18945, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$79,427.43, Account 901-30000-601090  
  
                 **Approved**
- 31    [25-0920](#)    Authority to settle the Property Damage Claim of Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company on behalf of Ernestine Poe, Claim Number AP 1566, in the sum of \$10,921.46, arising from an October 10, 2025, accident, Account 901-30000-667220  
  
                 **Approved**

## Public Health & Welfare Committee

### Authorization

- 32    [25-0885](#)    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

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

**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 33    [25-0879](#)    Consent to assignment of easement agreement dated May 5, 2016, from American Grading Co. to Duridge RE Holdings LLC to use and maintain an access road on 71,226 sq. ft. of District real estate located along the northeast side of the District's Mainstream Pumping Station in Hodgkins, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 33.07. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:**    [RE - Consent to Assignment American Grading Aerial.pdf](#)

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 34 [25-0907](#) Consent to a partial assignment of lease from the Village of Crestwood, to the Village of Crestwood and 4Crestwood LLC as co-tenants, with respect to 1.01 acres of the Village's 7.61-acre leasehold located south of the Cal-Sag Channel and west of Cicero Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 11.04 (eastern portion), and to allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol and video gaming on the 1.01 acres. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$4,572.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Partial Assignment of Lease - CSC 11.04 \(Eastern Portion\)](#)  
[Aerial.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 35 [25-0899](#) Authorization for payment to BNSF Railway Company, a Delaware corporation for construction and easement agreements for the Lyons and McCook Levee Improvements Project (Contract 13-199-3F), Consideration shall be a one-time easement fee in an amount not to exceed \$361,205.00, Account 501-50000-667340

**Approved**

- 36 [25-0906](#) Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for assistance with public outreach and economic co-benefits analysis for the Deer Creek-Third Creek Multi-Benefit Flood Control Project

**Approved**

- 37 [25-0923](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Loriece McDuffie Carlton

**Adopted**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 9, 20, 32, 33, and 34

**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, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

**Speakers**

*None*

**Summary of Requests**

*Public Health & Welfare Item #32*

*Kari K. Steele requested a memo highlighting the number of pounds the District has collected during the program for the past five years*

*Miscellaneous & New Business*

*Sharon Waller requested the District's assistance to review the terms of the lease and to find and approve a parking lot for temporary housing in regards to the Legion Park encampment*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 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: December 5, 2025**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., December 10, 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, December 18, 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/ Kristen Johnson, Assistant Clerk**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**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 December 4, 2025, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

December 4, 2025