Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 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 Sharon Waller, that the minutes from the last meeting of October 16, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Dennis White, Jessica Jackson, and George Blakemore, concerned citizens, addressed the board regarding various concerns

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of November 6, 2025 was adjourned at 11:35 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

Ordinance - User charge

1 UC25-001 Request Authority to Review the Proposed Amended User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago *(As Revised)*

Attachments: Board Letter - 2026 User Charge Ordinance - Review 11.6.25 Mtg..pdf
Ordinance - User Charge 2025 (Clean)
Ordinance - User Charge 2025 (Redline)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this User Charge Ordinance 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, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Resolution

2 25-0802 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Greencorps Chicago for providing valuable paid job training for individuals with barriers to employment

Adopted

3 25-0822 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month *(As Revised)*

Adopted

4 25-0823 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Veterans Day

Adopted

Procurement Committee

Report

6 25-0795 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Published and Filed

7 25-0801 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Published and Filed

8 25-0811 Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-654-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Sluice Gate Valve Actuators, estimated cost $1,077,700.00 *(As Revised)*

Published and Filed

9 25-0820 Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-721-21, Restoration of Egan WRP Permeable Paver Parking Lot, estimated cost between $142,500.00 and $172,500.00

Published and Filed

10 25-0825 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Published and Filed

Authorization

11 25-0786 Authorization to rescind Board Order to issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with A360 Enterprises, LLC dba Allyant Corp., for Contract 25-RFP-10, Accessibility Audit and ADA Compliance Plan for Digital Platforms, in an amount not to exceed $38,670.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1632665, Agenda Item No. 38, File No. 25-0619

Approved

12 25-0807 Authorization for payment to WateReuse Association for 2026 membership dues, in the amount of $20,383.80, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

13 25-0814 Authorization to amend Board Order of March 20, 2025, regarding 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, Agenda Item No. 12, File No. 25-0192

Attachments: Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of March 11, 2025, Agenda Item No. 12, File No. 25-0192
Contract 25-654-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

14 25-0832 Authorization to amend Board Order of July 17, 2025, regarding Authority to advertise Contract 25-721-21, Restoration of Egan WRP Permeable Paver Parking Lot, estimated cost between $142,500.00 and $172,500.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1638047, Agenda Item No. 22, File No. 25-0510

Attachments: Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of July 17, 2025, Agenda Item No. 22, File No. 25-0510.pdf
Contract 25-721-21 - Affirmative Action Goals Report 10-29-2025

Approved

Authority to Advertise

15 25-0798 Authority to advertise Contract 26-100-11 Preventive Maintenance for Laboratory Balances and Meters, estimated cost $66,000.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1647089

Approved

16 25-0826 Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-21 Rebuild of Dewatering Facility, CWRP, estimated cost between $67,925,000.00 and $82,225,000.00, Accounts 401-50000-612450, 645650, and 645750, Requisition 1647436

Attachments: Contract 25-RFP-21, Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf

Approved

17 25-0835 Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-23, Technical Assistance Program, estimated cost $900,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisitions 1647434 and 1647435

Attachments: Contract 25-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

18 25-0785 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-10 Accessibility Audit and ADA Compliance Plan for Digital Platforms, with QualityLogic, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $38,459.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1632665

Approved

19 25-0790 Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC for licensing and maintenance of the SolarWinds ITSM system for a one-year period, in an amount not to exceed $66,111.80, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1646933

Approved

20 25-0794 Issue purchase orders to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Electrical Catalog Products, under OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) Contract #EV2370, for a one-year period, in an amount not to exceed $108,000.00, Accounts 101-15000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, Requisitions 1644792, 1644901, 1615152, and 1645567

Approved

21 25-0796 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-15 Deferred Compensation Plan Investment Consulting Services with Innovest Portfolio Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed $146,818.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1638161

Attachments: Contract 25-RFP-15 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

22 25-0800 Issue purchase order to Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C., to Furnish and Deliver Lab Supplies, Glassware and Chemicals to Various Locations under the OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number 2021002889, in an amount not to exceed $64,250.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1645201

Approved

23 25-0803 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Bradford Systems Corporation for Contract 25-RFP-17, Scanning Services, in an amount not to exceed $470,773.62, Account 101-15000-612090, Requisition 1637006

Attachments: Contract 25-RFP-17 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Bradford Systems Corporation

Approved

24 25-0804 Issue Purchase Order to Thermo LabSystems, Inc., for Renewal Licenses and Software Upgrades for the Laboratory Information Management System, in an amount not to exceed $149,526.36, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1647367

Approved

25 25-0806 Issue purchase order to Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc. to Furnish Property Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed $2,880,000.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1646145

Attachments: Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.

Approved

26 25-0808 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with enfoTech & Consulting, Inc. for iPacs Software Maintenance Support Services, in an amount not to exceed $654,805.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1644193

Approved

27 25-0815 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with IXOM Watercare Inc., to Provide a 24-Month Maintenance Service Program for Twenty-Eight (28) Solar Powered Mixers/Aerators (SolarBees) at the Thornton Composite Reservoir and the McCook Reservoir, in a total amount not to exceed $400,000.00, Account 101-66000-612620, Requisition 1645544

Approved

28 25-0816 Issue purchase orders to Flow-Technics, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Xylem Flygt A-C, Sulzer ABS, ITT Gould and Netzsch pumps and replacement parts, to various locations, in a total amount not to exceed $1,450,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623110, 623270, 623990, 634600 and 634650

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

29 25-0793 Authority to decrease Contract 22-408-12, Janitorial Services for the Main Office Building Complex (Re-Bid), with Eco-Clean Maintenance, Inc., in an amount of $86,331.46, from an amount of $2,753,424.84, to an amount not to exceed $2,667,093.38, Accounts 101-15000-612370 and 612390, Purchase Order 5001868

Attachments: Change Order Log - PO 5001868

Approved

30 25-0797 Authority to decrease Contract 22-RFP-20 Conduct a Full-Scale Trial of Additives to Reduce Odor and Solids at the Thornton Composite Reservoir with OptimaBiome LLC in an amount of $459,400.00, from an amount of $936,400.00, to an amount not to exceed $477,000.00, Account 101-16000-612430, Purchase Order 3125998

Approved

31 25-0805 Authority to decrease the purchase order with ITSavvy LLC, to furnish and deliver miscellaneous computer-related hardware and equipment in an amount of $19,212.16, from an amount of $23,500.00, to an amount not to exceed $4,287.84, Account 101-27000-623810, Purchase Order 8010907

Approved

32 25-0810 Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with HP Inc. in an amount of $58,000.00 from an amount of $464,363.25, to an amount not to exceed $522,363.25, Account 101-27000-623810, Purchase Order 3131541 *(As Revised)*

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3131541

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

34 25-0838 Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the third quarter of 2025, ended September 30, 2025

Attachments: 2025 Q3 Budget Summary Report.pdf

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee

Report

35 25-0827 Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of September 2025

Attachments: Attachment 1 CO Report September 2025 5% Contingency - Final.pdf
Attachment 2 CO Status Report September 2025 Revised - FINAL.pdf

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Report

36 25-0821 Report on a Miscellaneous Claim under $10,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

37 25-0813 Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claims of Cheritha Ellis vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 22WC032781, 22WC032782, 23WC003692, 23WC031216, and 24WC004810 in the sum of $45,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

38 25-0818 Authority to settle Show Cause Complaint filed in *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. M.B.T. Transport, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 19 WMO 0001

Attachments: JUD - Authority to Settle MWRD v. MBT Transport Inc. SETTLEMENT.pdf

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

39 25-0792 Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease approximately 2.5 acres of District real estate located at 15680 Canal Bank Road in Lemont, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 23.10 (portion)

Attachments: RE - Commence Statutory Procedures MCP 23.10 Aerial.pdf

Approved

40 25-0841 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Debra Shore and Alfred Saucedo for their commitment to public service

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 1

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Pension, Human Resources & 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. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:50 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Henry Johnson, Greencorps Program Director, accepted the resolution honoring Greencorps Chicago for providing valuable paid job training for individuals with barriers to employment. (Re: Resolution Item 2)

Debra Shore, Former MWRD Commissioner, and Alfred Saucedo, accepted the resolution honoring their commitment to public service. (Re: Resolution Item 40)

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 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: November 7, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., November 12, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Cameron Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 20, 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: 7 - Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Precious Brady-Davis, 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 November 6, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:
/s/ Kari K. Steele
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

November 6, 2025