

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

**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 September 21, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation.  
Chorus of ayes - No nays

**Public Comments**

*Iyana Simba, representing the Illinois Environmental Council as City Programs Director, addressed the board in support of agenda item #1*

**Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole**

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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 Items: 14, 17, 21 and 41

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to defer Agenda Item # 1. The motion failed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; and Kari K. Steele

Nay: 5 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Item # 14 was deferred by Cameron Davis

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to defer Agenda Item # 17. 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; and Kari K. Steele

Item # 21 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Item # 41 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 Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 5, 2023 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:05 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Motion

- 1     [23-0921](#)     MOTION to recommend the establishment of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Department for consideration as part of the District's forthcoming State of Illinois 2024 Legislative Program. *(Deferred from the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting)*

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

- 2     [23-0966](#)     MOTION to approve dates and time for the Regular Board Meetings of The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to be held in the year 2024

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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

- 3     [23-0964](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing October as Polish American Heritage Month

**Adopted**

- 4     [23-0967](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Adopted**

- 5     [23-0973](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing German American Heritage Month and honoring the German Day Association

**Adopted**

- 6     [23-0974](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month and honoring the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans

**Adopted**

### Procurement Committee

#### Report

- 7     [23-0909](#)     Report of Request for Proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, September 15, 2023

**Published and Filed**

- 8     [23-0924](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**Published and Filed**

- 9    [23-0941](#)    Report on Rejection of bids for Contract 23-665-13 (Re-Bid), Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$1,338,000.00  
**Published and Filed**
- 10   [23-0942](#)    Report on rejection of bids for Contract 23-682-11, Chemical Grouting Services, estimated cost \$90,000.00  
**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 11   [23-0943](#)    Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 23-365-11 Proposal to Lease 25.86± acres of District real estate located at 6800 Canal Bank Road in Forest View, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 37.05, for a 39-year term from Prime Master Xpress, Inc. in the amount of \$660,000.00

**Attachments:**    [Contract 23-365-11, Aerial View MC 37.05](#)

[Contract 23-365-11, Letter of Support from Village of Forest View re. Parcel MC 37.05](#)

**Approved**

- 12   [23-0952](#)    Authorization to amend Board Order of September 7, 2023, for Authority to advertise Contract 23-621-11, Rehabilitation of Raw Sewage Pump Rotating Assemblies at Various Locations, Estimated cost \$7,194,300.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600, Requisitions 1603670, 1603671 and 1604766, Agenda Item No. 27, File No. 23-0830

**Attachments:**    [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of September 7, 2023 - Agenda Item No. 27, File No. 23-0830](#)

**Approved**

- 13   [23-0953](#)    Authorization to amend Board Order of August 10, 2023, for Authority to increase Contract 20-690-11, Large Electric Motor Overhaul at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and C, to L & S Electric, Inc., in an amount of \$100,000.00, from an amount of \$867,832.00, to an amount not to exceed \$967,832.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612650, Purchase Order 5001762, Agenda Item No. 61, File No. 23-0743

**Attachments:**    [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of August 10, 2023 - Agenda Item No. 61, File No. 23-0743](#)

**Approved**

- 14   [23-0957](#)    Authorization for payment to National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2023/2024 membership dues in the amount of \$99,045.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

- 15 [23-0965](#) Authorization to make payment to Current Innovation, NFP (*Current*) for the 2023 annual membership dues, in the amount of \$100,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Approved**

- 16 [23-0972](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of July 13, 2023, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Workforce Software, LLC to provide Continuous Care Services Hours Package for the Time Management System in an amount of \$11,750.00, from an amount of \$11,750.00, to an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00, Account 101-40000-612430, Requisition 1602118, Agenda Item No. 28, File No. 23-0660

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of July 13, 2023 - Agenda Item No. 28, File No. 23-0660](#)

**Approved**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 17 [23-0892](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-19, Professional Engineering Services for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Biosolids Management Strategy, estimated cost \$1,500,000.00, Account 201-50000-612430, Requisition 1604172 (*Deferred from the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Agenda Item be Deferred. 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

- 18 [23-0925](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-063-11 Furnish and Deliver V-Belts, Conveyor Belts and Bearings to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$82,000.00, Account 101-20000-623270

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-063-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 19 [23-0956](#) Authority to Advertise Contract 23-RFP-18 Remote Storage of District Records for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, estimated cost \$165,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490, Requisition 1606526

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-18 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 20   [23-0933](#)   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 \$55,220.00, Accounts 101-27000-612820, 623800, Requisition 1606165

**Approved**

- 21   [23-0934](#)   Issue purchase order to Early Morning Software, Inc. for EMS PRISM Compliance Software License Renewal and Stage Infrastructure, in an amount not to exceed \$57,560.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1606164

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

- 22   [23-0935](#)   Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for FileMaker Pro Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$48,195.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1606167

**Approved**

- 23   [23-0936](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 23-RFP-03, Court Reporting Services for a Three-year period with Veritext, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$333,000.00, Accounts 101-25000-612250, 101-30000-612250, 101-40000-612250, and 501-50000-612250, Requisition 1598944, 1599066, 1598945 and 1595419 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**   [Contract 23-RFP-03 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 24   [23-0939](#)   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 \$55,000.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1606158

**Approved**

- 25   [23-0940](#)   Issue purchase order for Contract 23-117-11, Identification of Benthic Macroinvertebrates, to GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1599759

**Approved**

- 26   [23-0947](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Sirius Automation Group Inc. for preventive maintenance, technical support, repair, and parts for three Sirius automated weighing robotic systems at various locations for three years, in an amount not to exceed \$116,935.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1605824

**Approved**

- 27    [23-0948](#)    Issue purchase order to W.W. Grainger, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Ceiling Tiles and Accessories for the Cecil Lue-Hing Complex at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract Number: 091422-WWG, in an amount not to exceed \$96,436.68, Account 101-16000-623990, Requisition 1606137

**Approved**

- 28    [23-0950](#)    Issue purchase orders to W.W. Grainger, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Maintenance, Repair and Operating Catalog Products, under the Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Cooperative Purchasing Contract #091422-WWG, in an amount not to exceed \$354,100.00, Accounts 101, 501-15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623030, 623070, 623090, 623110, 623130, 623190, 623270, 623570, 623660, 623680, 623780, 623810, 623860 and 623990, Requisitions 1604872, 1604873, 1604888, 1605011, 1606022, 1606383, 1606384, 1606386, 1606431

**Approved**

- 29    [23-0951](#)    Issue purchase order to SAGIN, LLC., pursuant to the terms of Master Agreement 20-RFP-11, to provide customer service training in 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$45,250.00, Account 101-25000-601100, Requisition 1604303

**Approved**

- 30    [23-0959](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with LoadSpring Solutions, Inc. for Web Hosting and Support of Oracle Primavera Software, in an amount of \$8,889.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1606543

**Approved**

- 31    [23-0961](#)    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 \$95,000.00, Accounts 101-15000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, Requisitions 1604874, 1605471, 1605800, and 1606432

**Approved**

- 32    [23-0963](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., for Actuarial Service for preparation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Financial Statement Disclosure Information, in an amount not to exceed \$15,140.00, Account 101-40000-612430, Requisition 1606430.

**Approved**

**Award Contract**



- 33    [23-0927](#)    Authority to award Contract 23-013-11, Furnish and Deliver Calibration Gases to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, to 24 HR Safety LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$30,139.36, Account 101-20000-623840

Attachments:    [Contract 23-013-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 34    [23-0929](#)    Authority to award Contract 23-026-11, Furnish and Deliver PVC Pipe, Valves, and Fittings to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, to Bushnell, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$42,875.65, Account 101-20000-623090.

Attachments:    [Contract 23-026-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 35    [23-0930](#)    Authority to award Contract 23-030-11, Furnish and Deliver Lubricants to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$22,002.44; Items 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, and 22 to Valdes, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$82,853.82; Item 9 to Quimex, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,905.95; Items 12, 13, 14, 16, and 23 to Petroleum Service Company, in an amount not to exceed \$44,062.55; and Item 20 to Al Warren Oil Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,376.00, Account 101-20000-623860

Attachments:    [Contract 23-030-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

[Contract 23-030-11 Item Descriptions - Items 1 through 23.pdf](#)

[Contract 23-030-11 Tabulation of Bids Received](#)

**Approved**

- 36    [23-0931](#)    Authority to award Contract 23-029-11 Furnish and Deliver Safety Apparel and Equipment and Welding Apparel to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Groups A, B, D and E to Cicero Mfg & Supply Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$87,026.74, and Group C to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,772.20, Accounts 101-20000-623570, 623680, 623700, 623780

Attachments:    [Contract 23-029-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A through E](#)

**Approved**

- 37    [23-0932](#)    Authority to award Contract 23-032-11, Furnish and Deliver Coveralls, Rainwear & Boots to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B and C to U.S. Compliance Centers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$36,321.10, Account 101-20000-623700

Attachments:    [Contract 23-032-11 Affirmative Action Goals Reports - Groups A, B and C](#)

**Approved**

- 38 [23-0944](#) Authority to award Contract 23-009-11, Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels & Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B and C to U.S. Compliance Centers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$76,646.38, and Group D to The Standard Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,346.00, Account 101-20000-623660

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-009-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 39 [23-0962](#) Authority to award Contract 23-051-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Hand Tools to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B, C, D, and E to Root Brothers Mfg. & Supply Co., in an amount not to exceed \$101,292.39, Account 101-20000-623110, 623680

**Attachments:** [23051 Group A Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

[23051 Group B Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

[23051 Group C Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

[23051 Group D Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

[23051 Group E Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 40 [23-0968](#) Authority to award Contract 23-036-11, Furnish and Deliver Salt and Calcium Chloride to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, to Russo Hardware, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,844.29, Account 101-20000-623130

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-036-11 Item Descriptions](#)

**Approved**

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

- 41 [23-0913](#) Authority to decrease Contract 19-665-11, Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, Groups A, B, and D to Lizzette Medina & Company, in an amount of \$24,586.25, from an amount of \$739,250.84, to an amount not to exceed \$714,664.59, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612420, Purchase Orders 5001719 and 5001720

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 5001719 and 5001720](#)

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

- 42 [23-0946](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Accelerated Technology Laboratories, Inc. for Contract 20-RFP-02 Deliver and Implement Laboratory Information Management System, in an amount of \$158,075.72, from an amount of \$600,607.34, to an amount not to exceed \$758,683.06, Account 101-16000-634820, Purchase Order 3113428

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3113428](#)

**Approved**

- 43 [23-0954](#) Authority to increase purchase order to Cincinnati Incorporated, in an amount of \$87.96 from an amount of \$9,995.00 to an amount not to exceed \$10,082.96, Account 101-68000-612650, Purchase Order 3124855

Approved

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 14, 17, 21, and 41**

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

**Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

None

**Summary of Requests**

*Miscellaneous and New Business Item #1*

1. Kari K. Steele requested a study session be scheduled before the next board meeting to further discuss this item and for each department head to provide their input

*Procurement Committee Item #9*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested additional information be provided on this item

*Procurement Committee Item #40*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the response be resent to her

**Study Session**

A Study Session will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss the legislative agenda relating to the establishment of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Department.

**Announcements**

None

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023, 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: October 6, 2023 Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., October 11, 2023

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, October 19, 2023 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 October 5, 2023, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

October 5, 2023