

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of January 8, 2026, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Joe McArthur addressed the Board regarding ongoing encroachments and meeting minutes

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

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 Cameron Davis. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 22, 2026 was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Memorial Resolution

- 1 [26-0062](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Rick Garcia

Adopted

Ordinance - Industrial Waste

- 2 [IW26-001](#) Request Authority to Review the Proposed Amended Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and Proposed Procedural Rules Governing All Administrative Proceedings Before Board-Appointed Hearing Officers Brought Pursuant to the Amended Ordinance

Attachments: [Board Letter Sewage Waste Control Ordinance-Rules.pdf](#)
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance_clean_1.13.26.pdf](#)
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance Redline 1.13.26.pdf](#)
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance Admin Rules 2026.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Industrial Waste Ordinance 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, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Finance Committee

Report

- 3 [26-0041](#) Report on the investment interest income during December 2025

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-12 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 4 [26-0042](#) Report on investments purchased during December 2025

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-12 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 5 [26-0043](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2025

Attachments: [Inv Stat 2025 Q4 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 6 [26-0047](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on payment of restricted interest earnings in the amount of \$544,619.52 for the 2025 calendar year, pursuant to the terms of a Project Partnership Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved by the Board on January 24, 2019

Published and Filed

- 7 [26-0056](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2025, in the amount of \$43,829,069.28

Attachments: [December 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [26-0044](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$6,650,000.00 from the Construction Working Cash Fund to Finance Construction Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2026, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9c

Approved

- 9 [26-0045](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$305,600,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2026, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9b

Approved

- 10 [26-0046](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$64,125,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2026, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e

Approved

- 11 [26-0060](#) Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of \$654.00, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030, 612050, 612080 and 101-15000-612010, 612030, 612050

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: 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

Procurement Committee

Report

- 12 [26-0036](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 13 [26-0028](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-06 Employee Benefits Consulting Services, for a three-year period, effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, estimated cost \$194,500.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1649979

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-06 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 14 [26-0034](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-07 Flexible Spending Plan Administrator, for a four-year period, effective January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2030, estimated cost \$425,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1650774 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-07 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 15 [26-0037](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-822-31, TARP Mechanical Equipment Improvements at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost between \$24,225,000.00 and \$29,325,000.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1651734

Attachments: [Contract 26-822-31 Project View](#)
[Contract 26-822-31 Exhibit.- Calumet TARP Pumping Station](#)
[Contract 26-822-31 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [26-0038](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-360-11 for public tender of bids for a 14-year lease on approximately 2.5 acres of District real estate located at 15680 Canal Bank Road in Lemont, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 23.10. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$75,000.00

Attachments: [Contract 26-360-11 Aerial View - Main Channel Parcel 23.10](#)

Approved

- 17 [26-0048](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-713-11, Scavenger Services at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$1,423,000.00, Account 101-67000-612520, Requisition 1652776

Attachments: [Contract 26-713-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 18 [26-0029](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Envea Inc. to furnish and deliver Cairsens Cairpol Hydrogen Sulfide replacement sensors and Caircloud data management, in an amount not to exceed \$119,330.00, Accounts 101-16000-612820, 623570, Requisition 1648991
Approved
- 19 [26-0032](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Siemens Energy, Inc., to Provide Services for Inspection, Repair and Upgrades of the Aeration Blowers Nos. 4 and 6 at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$4,021,608.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1617960
Approved
- 20 [26-0055](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 26-100-11, Preventive Maintenance for Laboratory Balances and Meters, to Certified Balance and Scale Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$58,800.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1647089
Approved

Award Contract

- 21 [26-0051](#) Authority to award Contract 22-377-2DR (Re-Bid), Raw Sewage Discharge Pipe Support Modifications for Pumps 1-3, Kirie Water Reclamation Plant (KWRP), to John Burns Construction Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,657,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$482,850.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,139,850.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1629461

Attachments: [Contract 22-377-2DR Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - JBCC](#)
Approved
- 22 [26-0053](#) Authority to award Contract 25-821-21, Furnish, Deliver, and Install Grit Screw Conveyors at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$11,496,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1639417

Attachments: [Contract 25-821-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - IHC Construction Companies, LLC](#)
Approved

- 23 [26-0054](#) Authority to award Contract 26-625-11, Diving Services at Various Locations, to Global Infrastructure LLC dba Chicago Underwater, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1639876

Attachments: [Contract 26-625-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 24 [26-0030](#) Authority to increase the purchase order to AVI-SPL LLC and amend the agreement with Avaya, LLC. for Telecommunications Equipment, Maintenance Support, and E911 Calling, in an amount of \$43,900.80 from an amount of \$1,513,932.44, to an amount not to exceed \$1,557,833.24, Account 101-27000-612840, Purchase Order 3132688

Approved

- 25 [26-0049](#) Authority to decrease Contract 17-135-3V Roof Replacement of the Lue-Hing M&R Complex, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$5,966.40, from an amount of \$11,907,057.12, to an amount not to exceed \$11,901,090.72, Account 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 4000094

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000094](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 26 [26-0057](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of December 2025

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report December 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 CO Status Report December 2025 - FINAL.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 CO Report December 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 27 [26-0033](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of William Collins vs. MWRDGC, Claim numbers 17WC018405 and 17WC018406, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$14,033.87, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 28 [26-0040](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Kevin Mathieu vs. MWRDGC, Claim number W003639421, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$23,427.75, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 29 [26-0052](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Ebonie Lewis Bradford vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 19WC025402 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$30,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

- 30 [26-0039](#) Civil Service Board's 2025 Annual Report

Attachments: [MWRD CSB Annual Report 2025 Signed 010826.pdf](#)

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Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 31 [26-0035](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey to continue to operate, maintain, and remove a streamflow gauging station on the Summit Conduit outfall located on Main Channel Parcel 35.08 (HASMA) in Summit, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - 5-year permit USGS Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [26-0058](#) 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 eastern edge 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 - American Grading Easement Assignment Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2 and 11

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026, 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: January 23, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 28, 2026

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, February 5, 2026 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: 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

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 January 22, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

January 22, 2026