

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 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 Beth McElroy Kirkwood, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of May 7, 2026 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Aaron Henneberg, OHLA Central, addressed the Board with concerns regarding Agenda Item 18*

*Donald Kiesling, Michels Construction, Inc., addressed the Board supporting Agenda Item 18*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, 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: 7, 15 and 18

Agenda Item #15 was deleted by the Executive Director

Agenda Item #7 was deferred by Cameron Davis

Agenda Item #18 was deferred by Kari K. Steele

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 May 21, 2026 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:10 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Finance Committee

#### Report

- 1 [26-0351](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of April 2026, in the amount of \$35,486,787.05

**Attachments:** [April 2026 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 2 [26-0364](#) Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of \$2,183.80, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030 and 101-15000-612010, 612030, 612080

**A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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

- 3 [26-0347](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**Published and Filed**

- 4 [26-0359](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 12, 2026

**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 5 [26-0352](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of May 7, 2026 regarding Issue Purchase Order to Schneider Electric USA, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One (1) Distributed Control System (DCS) Test Cabinet to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP) in an amount not to exceed \$221,817.45, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1654520, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 26-0275

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of May 7, 2026, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 26-0275](#)

**Approved**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 6 [26-0331](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-622-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical and Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$822,100.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623070/623270/623560/634650, Requisitions 1645926, 1646938, 1646947, 1646244, 1648853, 1647942, 1655894, and 1655698

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 7 [26-0337](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-10 Family Medical Leave Act and Americans with Disabilities Act Administrative Services, for a four-year period, effective on or about February 1, 2027, estimated cost \$365,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1657013

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-RFP-10 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

- 8 [26-0363](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-363-11 for public tender of bids a 14-year lease on approximately 9 acres of District real estate located at 6400 Canal Bank Road in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 37.07

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-363-11 Aerial View of Main Channel Parcel 37.07 - Forest View, IL](#)

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 9 [26-0329](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc. to furnish, deliver, install an Agilent 5900 SVDV Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer, peripheral equipment, consumable supplies, and extended warranty, in an amount not to exceed \$189,511.76, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623570, 634970, Requisition 1657716

**Approved**

- 10 [26-0335](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 26-RFP-07 Flexible Spending Plan Administrator with P&A Administrative Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1650774

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

**Approved**

- 11 [26-0338](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-06, FERC Relicensing for Lockport Powerhouse, with HDR Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$701,857.00, Account 101-66000-612430, Requisition 1645218

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-06 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 12 [26-0340](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 26-CON-01 (Project 25-801-2C, formerly Project 25-801-3C), Testing and Inspection of Concrete and Construction Materials, with Flood Testing Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, Account 201-50000-612240, Requisition 1658052

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-CON-01 \(Project 25-801-2C\) Affirmative Action Appendix A Report - Flood Testing Laboratories, Inc.](#)

**Approved**

- 13 [26-0345](#) Issue Purchase Order to Superior Industrial Equipment, L.L.C., to Provide Flowserve Mechanical Seals to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$96,394.02, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1657152

**Approved**

- 14 [26-0346](#) Issue purchase order to Duperon Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Duperon FlexRake components to the Calumet Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$88,800.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1658085

**Approved**

- 15 [26-0353](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Interior Alterations Inc., for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning work, in an amount not to exceed \$523,598.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1658409

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

**Award Contract**

- 16 [26-0350](#) Authority to award Contract 26-025-1H, Furnish and Deliver Stem Gate Valves to Various Locations, to Porter Pipe & Supply Company, in an amount not to exceed \$94,191.14, Account 101-20000-623090

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-025-1H Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 26-025-1H Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 17 [26-0358](#) Authority to Award Contract 26-023-11, Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to Various Locations, to Colonial Scientific, Inc., in an Amount not to Exceed \$99,498.70, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-023-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 26-023-11 Item Descriptions](#)

**Approved**

- 18 [26-0365](#) Authority to award Contract 21-092-3P, Battery E Activated Sludge Facility, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (OWRP), to Michels Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$389,933,408.76, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$19,496,670.44, for a total amount not to exceed \$409,430,079.20, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1639807

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-092-3P - Affirmative Action Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Michels Const., Inc..pdf](#)

**Deferred by Kari K. Steele**

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 19 [26-0333](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Millan Chicago, LLC for Contract 23-RFP-11 Individual Coaching and Training Services, in an amount of \$17,500.00, from an amount of \$106,028.75, to an amount not to exceed \$123,528.75, Account 101-25000-601100, Purchase Order 3130439

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3130439](#)

**Approved**

- 20 [26-0334](#) Authority to increase purchase orders and to exercise an option to extend the agreement for an additional one-year period, for Contract 23-RFP-13 for Third Party Claims Administrator Services with Lodestar Claims & Risk Services Inc., formally known as PMA Management Corp., in an amount of \$278,333.00, from an amount of \$742,642.32, to an amount not to exceed \$1,020,975.32, Accounts 101-25000-612430 and 901-30000-601090, Purchase Orders 3128894, 3128895

**Attachments:** [Change order Purchase Order 3128894 \(101 Fund\)](#)  
[Change Order Purchase Order 3128895 \(901 Fund\)](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [26-0336](#) Authority to decrease purchase order with AT&T Enterprises, LLC for Point-to-Point DS1 Telemetry Services (known as T1 lines) in an amount of \$104,842.39, from an amount of \$213,600.00, to an amount not to exceed \$108,757.61, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3135153

**Approved**

- 22 [26-0339](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-187-3F Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA to Judlau Contracting, Inc. in an amount of \$194,700.00, from an amount of \$79,346,971.23, to an amount not to exceed \$79,541,671.23, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000103

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

**Approved**

- 23 [26-0354](#) Authority to increase Contract 16-127-3DR A/B and C/D Service Tunnel Rehabilitation - Phase Three, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$110,166.91, from an amount of \$29,408,742.77, to an amount not to exceed \$29,518,909.68, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000097

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - 4000097](#)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 24 [26-0342](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from January through March 2026 for Contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 COR Report for 11-187-3F January to March 2026.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 COR Status Report for 11-187-3F January to March 2026.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 25 [26-0344](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of April 2026

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report April 2026 5 Contingency FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report April 2026 FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 3 TER Report for April 2026 FINAL.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Information Technology Committee

**Authorization**

- 26 [26-0349](#) Authorization to settle payment dispute claim with AT&T Enterprises, LLC, f/k/a AT&T Corp against the District related to various telecommunication related services, for a final payment of \$120,092.93, Account 101-27000-612210 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [AT&T Accounts Tables 1 & 2.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee****Authorization**

- 27 [26-0281](#) Requesting the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners to the appointment of Edward J. Staudacher as the Director of Maintenance and Operations for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Attachments:** [BOC 0507 Req Advice and Consent to Appt. EJS, Dir, M&O Resume.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

- 28 [26-0328](#) Authority to pay 2025 real estate taxes in the amount of \$468,064.64 for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's real estate located in Will County, Illinois. Account 101-30000-667130

**Approved**

- 29 [26-0330](#) Authority to extend easement agreement dated February 7, 2002, between the District and the United States Army Corps of Engineers six additional months to allow the continued use of District land located east and west of the Main Channel near Romeo Road/135th Street in Will County, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcels 18.03, 19.01, 19.02 and 19.04, for continued operation and maintenance of aquatic nuisance species barriers. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Army Corps Easement Extension Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 30 [26-0355](#) Authority to grant Evanston/Skokie School District 65 a 25-year, 13,755 sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a widened service drive along the east bank of the North Shore Channel between Church and Dempster Streets in Evanston, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcel 3.08. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Evanston Skokie Service Drive Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 31 [26-0356](#) Authority to grant Evanston/Skokie School District 65 a 25-year, 2,500± sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a 24-inch storm sewer on a 50 ft. by 50 ft. strip of land on the east bank of the North Shore Channel between Church and Dempster Streets in Evanston, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcel 3.08. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Evanston-Skokie School Dist 65 Sewer Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 32 [26-0357](#) Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to three property owners for temporary easement extensions in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a combined total amount of \$7,312.66, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

**Approved**

- 33 [26-0361](#) Consent to a partial assignment of lease from the Village of Crestwood, to the Village of Crestwood and ABS Properties, LLC as co-tenants, with respect to 2.016 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). Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Crestwood Partial Assignment of Lease Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 34 [26-0362](#) Authority to pay 2025 real estate taxes in the amount of \$228,195.36 for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's real estate located in Fulton County, Illinois. Account 101-30000-667130

**Approved**

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Report

- 35 [26-0343](#) Report on Stormwater Partnership Projects, Technical Assistance, and Voluntary Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Submittals

**Attachments:** [26.05.21 2026 SPP TA FPPA Map Exhibit Final.pdf](#)

[26.05.21 TA List.pdf](#)

[26.05.21 SPP List.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 36 [26-0366](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May 25th as Memorial Day

**Adopted**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2, 7, 15, and 18**

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

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

*None*

#### Summary of Requests

*Procurement Item #7*

- 1. Sharon Waller requested the cost to administer the program in-house*
- 2. Precious Brady-Davis requested a cost benefit analysis*
- 3. Kari K. Steele requested a comparison of the District's average number of FMLA cases to other agencies*

#### Study Session

*None*

#### Announcements

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 4, 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: May 22, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., May 27, 2026

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, June 4, 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/ Jacqueline Torres, 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 May 21, 2026, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

May 21, 2026