

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 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 Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that the minutes from the last meeting of January 23, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Ryan Sinwelski, Harvey Historical Society, addressed the board regarding various concerns in Harvey*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, 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 Agenda with the exception of Items: 15 and 24

Item # 15 was deleted by the Executive Director

Item # 24 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 23, 2025 was adjourned at 10:55 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

### Finance Committee

#### Report

- 1 [25-0056](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on payment of restricted interest earnings in the amount of \$806,433.81 for the 2024 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**
  
- 2 [25-0066](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2024, in the amount of \$51,248,502.05  
**Attachments:** [December 2024 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)  
**Published and Filed**
  
- 3 [25-0073](#) Report on the investment interest income during December 2024  
**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2024-12 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
  
- 4 [25-0074](#) Report on investments purchased during December 2024  
**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2024-12 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
  
- 5 [25-0075](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2024  
**Attachments:** [Inv Stat 2024 Q4 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 6 [25-0053](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$324,500,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2025, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9b  
**Approved**
  
- 7 [25-0054](#) 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 2025, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9c  
**Approved**

- 8 [25-0055](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$59,375,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2025, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e  
**Approved**
- 9 [25-0057](#) Authority to Transfer \$5,000,000.00 from the Corporate Fund to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust (101-25000-601250)  
**Approved**
- 10 [25-0079](#) Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of \$20,399.53, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030, and 101-15000-612010, 612030, 612080  
**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

- 11 [25-0070](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 7, 2025  
**Published and Filed**
- 12 [25-0071](#) Report of Request for Proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, January 10, 2025  
**Published and Filed**
- 13 [25-0072](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 24-695-21, Truck Scale Replacement at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and C, estimated cost \$850,000.00 (Group A \$390,000.00, Group B \$180,000.00, and Group C \$280,000.00)  
**Published and Filed**
- 14 [25-0080](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
**Published and Filed**
- 15 [25-0081](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-100-12 (Re-Bid), Preventative Maintenance for Steam Sterilizers, Labor, and Parts, estimated cost \$54,000.00  
**Deleted by the Executive Director**

### Authorization

- 16 [25-0062](#) Authorization to donate an obsolete Jordan Spreader to the Illinois Railway Museum  
**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 17 [25-0017](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-279-5F, Suburban Green Schoolyard Pilot Project 1 in Burnham, estimated cost between \$1,805,000.00 and \$2,185,000.00, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1628550 (*Deferred from the January 9, 2025 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-279-5F Project View](#)  
[Contract 24-279-5F Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised](#)

**Approved**

- 18 [25-0051](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-602-11, Furnishing and Delivering Chains and Appurtenances to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$212,000.00, Account 101-69000-623270, Requisition 1629466.

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-602-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 19 [25-0052](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-672-11, Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$100,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623250, Requisitions 1629100 and 1629091

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-672-11 \(Groups A and B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 20 [25-0058](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-02 Health Plan Administrator, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, Account 101-25000-601250

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-02 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [25-0067](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-10 Accessibility Audit and ADA Compliance Plan for Digital Platforms, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1632665

**Approved**

- 22 [25-0068](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-027-11 Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$288,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 23 [25-0069](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-028-11 Furnish and Deliver Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$202,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 24 [25-0063](#) Issue purchase order to 101 Erie Hotel LLC for maintenance and operation of the common areas of the 101-111 East Erie Street Building for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$71,053.50, Account 101-15000-612390, Requisition 1632621

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 25 [25-0048](#) Authority to decrease Contract 24-630-11, Group A, Furnishing and Delivering Chemical Coagulants, to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in an amount of \$1,162,938.48, from an amount of \$7,327,618.00, to an amount not to exceed \$6,164,679.52, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623560, Purchase Orders 3127611 and 3127612

**Approved**

- 26 [25-0050](#) Authority to increase Contract 22-100-11 Preventative Maintenance for Steam Sterilizers, Labor, and Parts to Scientific Services Plus, LLC in an amount of \$8,800.00, from an amount of \$36,178.11, to an amount not to exceed \$44,978.11, Account 101-16000-612970, Purchase Order 3116917

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3116917](#)

**Approved**

- 27 [25-0064](#) Authority to increase purchase order for 101 Erie Hotel LLC for maintenance and operation of the common areas of the 101-111 East Erie Street Building for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$57,346.50, from an amount of \$71,053.50, to an amount not to exceed \$128,400.00, Account 101-15000-612390, Purchase Order 3128849

**Approved**

#### Engineering Committee

#### Report

- 28 [25-0078](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of December 2024

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report December 2024 5% Contingency - Final.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report December 2024 - Final.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 29 [25-0076](#) Request for Order approving and adopting the Hearing Officer's Report consisting of a Memorandum and Order in the administrative appeal of *Nutripack, LLC v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*, Appeal No. 23B-008

**Attachments:** [JUD - Nutripack Hearing Officer Report Approval - Memo and Order.pdf](#)

Approved

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 30 [25-0059](#) 2024 Annual Report of the Civil Service Board

**Attachments:** [MWRD CSB Annual Report Signed 2024.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 10, 15, 24, 31, and 32

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

- 31 [25-0083](#) MOTION to appoint Yumeka Brown as trustee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Retirement Fund

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

32 [25-0084](#) MOTION to accept the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Assignments for the 2025-2026 Standing Committees

**A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, 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, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

**Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

*None*

**Summary of Requests**

*Procurement Committee Item #13*

*1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on the issues with the exempt work by certified scale technicians and if the Contractor discussed the problems with District staff*

*Judiciary Committee Item #29*

*1. Precious Brady-Davis and Kari K. Steele requested a memo on how noncompliance fines are decided*

*Miscellaneous & New Business*

*1. Marcelino Garcia requested a future resolution reaffirming the District's commitment to stopping the global climate crisis*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 6, 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: January 24, 2025**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 29, 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, February 6, 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:** 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 23, 2025, are hereby approved.

### APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

January 23, 2025