

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

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 Regular Meeting of November 21, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that the minutes from the Annual Meeting of December 3, 2024, 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 Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, 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 Items

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 December 5, 2024, was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:40 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance - User charge

- 1 [UC24-001](#) Request Authority to Review the Proposed Amended User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Attachments: [Board Letter - User Charge Ordinance - Review Period 12.5.24.pdf](#)
[Ordinance - User Charge 2025 - Redlined.pdf](#)
[Ordinance - User Charge 2025 - Clean.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this User Charge Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Resolution

- 2 [24-1080](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Reverend Dr. Wilson Daniels

Adopted

Finance Committee**Report**

- 3 [24-1075](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on December 1, 2024

Attachments: [DS 2024-12 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 4 [24-1070](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Published and Filed

- 5 [24-1091](#) Procurement and Materials Management Department - 2023 Annual Report

Attachments: [Procurement and Materials Management Department - 2023 Annual Report](#)

Published and Filed

- 6 [24-1096](#) Report of forfeiture of Contract 24-109-11, Furnish and Deliver a Gel Permeation Chromatograph System in the Organic Compounds Analytical Laboratory at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$43,970.02, Account 101-16000-634970, Purchase Order 3131284

Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 7 [24-1067](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-104-11 Replacement Outboard Motors for PC30 Boat, estimated cost \$99,500.00, Account 101-16000-634790, Requisition 1628542 (*As Revised*)

Approved

- 8 [24-1072](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-619-11, Lubricant Analysis and Testing, estimated cost \$110,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240, Requisitions 1619811, 1619729, and 1619730

Attachments: [Contract 25-619-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 9 [24-1055](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 25-045-11, Publish Invitations to Bid for Contracts, Legal Notices for Original Entrance and Promotional Civil Service Examinations, and Other Legal Notices for a One-Year Period, to Chicago Sun-Times Media, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,070.00, Account 101-20000-612360, Requisition 1621179

Approved

- 10 [24-1059](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Alfa Laval, Inc., to Provide Off-Site Centrifuge Rehabilitation and Repair Services and On-Site Technical Services as Needed for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,900,000.00, Account 201-52000-645750, Requisition 1627340

Approved

- 11 [24-1060](#) Issue purchase orders to Kusters Zima Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Parts for Solids Treatment Processes at Various Locations for a Three-Year Period, in an Amount not to Exceed \$600,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623110, 623270, 623990, 634560

Approved

- 12 [24-1061](#) Issue purchase orders to Drydon Equipment, a DXP Company, to Furnish and Deliver Hayward Gordon, Varec, Bredel, Fairbanks Morse, and Amiad Filtration Pumps and Parts, to Various Locations, in a total amount not to exceed \$510,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623270

Approved

- 13 [24-1066](#) 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 \$650,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623090, 623110, 623270 and 623990

Approved

- 14 [24-1068](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Precision Control Systems of Chicago, Inc., for a Multi-Year Service Agreement to Provide Upgrades, Maintenance, and Repair Services for the TARP Pump Station HVAC Control System at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$84,500.00, Accounts 101-68000-612680, 623070, Requisition 1624782

Approved

- 15 [24-1071](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 25-640-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite, Groups A and B, to PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,405,045.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000-623560, Requisitions 1621731 and 1621735 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-640-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report, Groups A and B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [24-1083](#) Issue purchase order to Accurate Background, LLC to provide pre-employment background screening services to the District under the OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number R240501, in an amount not to exceed \$32,700.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1628711

Approved

- 17 [24-1084](#) Issue purchase order to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Excess Casualty Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$1,780,567.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1628262

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Appendix A Report - Mesiorow Insurance Services, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [24-1085](#) Issue purchase orders to Gardner Denver Nash LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Digester compressors, gas booster pumps, and related equipment, to various locations for a three-year period, in a total amount not to exceed \$705,000.00, Accounts, 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623270, 634650

Approved

- 19 [24-1088](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-648-11, Snow Plowing at the Lockport Powerhouse, to Polar Group, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$104,400.00, Account 101-66000-612420, Requisition 1620208

Approved

- 20 [24-1090](#) Issue purchase order to Verizon Connect NWF Inc., DBA Verizon Connect Fleet USA LLC, for the maintenance of a Vehicle Location System under the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract No. 020221-NWF in an amount not to exceed \$55,359.00, Account 101-15000-612860, Requisition 1627547

Approved

Award Contract

- 21 [24-1054](#) Authority to award Contract 25-022-11, Furnish and Deliver Diesel Fuel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to J.T. Barrier LLC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00, Accounts 101, 501-16000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623820, Requisitions 1621431, 1621740, 1621797, 1622022, 1622045

Attachments: [Contract 25-002-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)
[Contract 25-022-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 22 [24-1056](#) Authority to award Contract 25-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Organic Solutions Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$43,464.00, Account 101-20000-623700

Attachments: [Contract 25-003-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [24-1057](#) Authority to award Contract 25-021-11, Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Petroleum Traders Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$297,308.51, and Group B to Avalon Petroleum Company, in an amount not to exceed \$85,841.91, Accounts 101-16000, 20000, 69000-623820, Requisitions 1621279, 1621280, 1621432, 1621796

Attachments: [Contract 25-021-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group A and B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [24-1058](#) Authority to award Contract 25-002-11, Furnish and Deliver Cylinder Gases and Bulk Liquid Argon to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$88,743.41 Account 101-20000-623840

Attachments: [Contract 25-002-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A and B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [24-1087](#) Authority to award Contract 24-612-22 (Re-Bid), Roof Replacement and Rehabilitation at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and D, to DCG Roofing Solutions, Inc. (DCG), in an amount not to exceed \$1,842,795.00, and Group C, to F&G Roofing Company, LLC (F&G), in an amount not to exceed \$422,500.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisitions 1617114, 1616897, 1617117, and 1617118

Attachments: [Contract 24-612-22 \(Groups A,B and D\) Affirmative Action Goals Report and Appendix D and V - DCG Roofing Solutions, Inc.](#)
[Contract 24-612-22, Group C, Affirmative Action Goals Report and Appendix D and V- F&G Roofing Co., LLC](#)

Approved

- 26 [24-1095](#) Authority to award Contract 08-174-3D, Battery A Improvements and Battery B Installation of Mechanical Mixers, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$56,449,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$2,822,450.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$59,271,450.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1617419

Attachments: [Contract 08-174-3D Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - IHC Construction Cos., LLC.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 27 [24-1063](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with HP Inc. in an amount of \$435,000.00 from an amount of \$1,005,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00, Account 101-27000-623810, Purchase Order 3131541

Approved

- 28 [24-1074](#) Authority to increase the purchase order for the University of Illinois for 23-170-3C Hydraulic Modeling of the Mainstream Tunnel System, in an amount of \$87,454.00, from an amount of \$380,311.00, to an amount not to exceed \$467,765.00, Account 401-50000-612430, Purchase Order 3124689

Approved

- 29 [24-1076](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with WM Reply, Inc., for Contract 22-RFP-13, Intranet Development and Platform Support, in an amount of \$80,000.00, from an amount of \$470,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Purchase Order 3125792

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3125792.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [24-1077](#) Authority to increase purchase order, exercise the fifth option to extend, and amend the agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP for Contract 19-RFP-33, Professional Auditing Services, in an amount of \$338,400.00 from an amount of \$1,164,750.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,503,150.00, Accounts 101-40000-612430 and P802-11000-798200, Purchase Order 3111905

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3111905](#)

Approved

- 31 [24-1086](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-266-4H5 Decommissioning the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, CSA, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$16,929.86, from an amount of \$26,116,705.06, to an amount not to exceed \$26,133,634.92, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000082

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000082.PDF](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 32 [24-1103](#) Authority to transfer 2024 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$800,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [12.05.24 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 33 [24-1098](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of October 2024

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

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 34 [24-1092](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Jose Salazar vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 21 WC 34583, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$82,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

Authorization

- 35 [24-1094](#) Authority to extend until December 31, 2024, the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 399

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 36 [24-1102](#) Final report for Emergency Contract 24-600-01, Upper Des Plaines 11-H Sewer Repairs and Restoration to Airy's Inc., Account 901-66000-667220, Purchase Order 3129962

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 37 [24-1097](#) Authority to extend the agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorizing the District to moor its boats along the south guidewall of the Chicago River Controlling Works, and to maintain a boathouse for an additional five years, beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2029. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

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

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 38 [24-1099](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Crestwood and the Village of Midlothian and make payment to the Village of Crestwood, for the design, construction, land acquisition, maintenance, operation, and ownership of the Flood Control Project on Calumet-Sag Tributary C in Midlothian and Crestwood (21-IGA-18), in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.00

Attachments: [21-IGA-18 CalSag Trib C - BL Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Executive Session

**A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to section 2.06(D) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
7:0**

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

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

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 December 19, 2024, 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: December 6, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., December 11, 2024

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, December 19, 2024, 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 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

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 December 5, 2024, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

December 5, 2024