Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026

10:30 AM

Board Room

<u>Board of Commissioners</u>

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

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown; and Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of June 18, 2026 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Convene in Public Hearing

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to recess and convene in the public hearing. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

1 26-0450

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (the *"District"*) will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on the 16th day of July 2026, in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices of the District, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the intention of the Board of Commissioners of the District to issue not to exceed $550,000,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds of the District to provide funds required for the replacing, remodeling, completing, altering, constructing and enlarging of sewage treatment works, administrative buildings, water quality improvement projects, or flood control facilities, and additions therefor, including, but not limited to, the construction of pumping stations, tunnels, conduits, intercepting sewers and outlet sewers, together with the equipment, including air pollution equipment, and appurtenances thereto, to acquire property, real, personal or mixed, necessary for said purposes, and for costs and expenses for the acquisition of the sites and rights-of-way necessary thereto, and for engineering expenses for designing and supervising the construction of such works and other related and incidental expenses.

By order of Kari K. Steele, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated the 22nd day of June 2026.

/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

2 26-0485 Report to the Board of Commissioners on the District's intention to issue General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed $550,000,000

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Hearing Comments

Ben Huizenga, resident of Ward 30 in Chicago, addressed the board to press for more flexible bond limits, and asked the District look at its response to climate migration.

Joseph McArthur addressed the board to put on record that any MWRD bond issuance should include funding to resolve and restore Structure #2.

Public Hearing Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that this Public Hearing be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Public Comments

Joseph McArthur addressed the Board regarding concerns in connection with Structure #2.

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 2

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 July 16, 2026, was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss three matters of pending litigation pursuant to section 2(C)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:50 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

3 26-0490 Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of June 2026, in the amount of $43,632,679.22

Attachments: June 2026 Cash Disbursements Summary

Published and Filed

4 26-0491 Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on July 1, 2026

Attachments: DS 2026-07 att.pdf

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

5 26-0454 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Published and Filed

6 26-0456 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Published and Filed

7 26-0457 Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, June 12, 2026

Published and Filed

8 26-0468 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Published and Filed

Authorization

9 26-0474 Authorization to amend Board Order of April 16, 2026, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC, for Telemetry Services in an amount not to exceed $372,448.22, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1655902, Agenda Item No. 18, File No. 26-0247

Attachments: Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of April 26, 2026 - Agenda Item No. 18, File No. 26-0247

Approved

Authority to Advertise

10 26-0453 Authority to advertise Contract 26-934-11, Furnishing and Delivering Magnesium Chloride, estimated cost $1,071,200.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1660336

Attachments: Contract 26-934-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

11 26-0458 Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to provide Hewlett Packard Maintenance for HPE SANs equipment, in an amount not to exceed $411,820.98, Account 101-27000-612810, Requisition 1660007

Approved

12 26-0459 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Workiva Inc., to provide Software Hosting and Support for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed $435,000.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1660622

Approved

13 26-0460 Issue purchase order to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., to furnish and deliver parts for the Distributed Control System (DCS) at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed $139,158.00, Account 101-69000-623070, Requisition 1657273

Approved

14 26-0461 Issue purchase orders to George E. Booth Co., Inc., to furnish and deliver analyzer materials and equipment to various locations for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed $360,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623070

Approved

15 26-0462 Issue purchase order to Transchicago Truck Group, to furnish and deliver two (2) new 2026 Freightliner 108SD truck chassis and two (2) new 2026 Freightliner 108SD Plus upfit packages with Monroe plows, to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 032824-DAI, in an amount not to exceed $604,827.00, Account 101-69000-634860, Requisition 1656092

Approved

16 26-0463 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with ABB Inc., for a multi-year system update to provide controller migration in the PCB, Grit, Clarifier, and Pump and Blower House for the ABB Distributed Control System (DCS) at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed $5,857,110.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisitions 1659834

Approved

17 26-0473 Issue purchase order for Contract 26-805-11, Furnish and Deliver Storage Tanks to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to BCE-USA, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $465,000.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1655699

Attachments: Contract 26-805-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

18 26-0475 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-21 Rebuild of Dewatering Facility, CWRP, with IHC Construction Companies LLC, in an amount not to exceed $7,105,000.00, Accounts 401-50000-612450, 645650, and 645750, Requisition 1647436.

Approved

19 26-0480 Issue purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, to provide a Lower Bearing Assembly for the SEPA 3 and 4 Screw Pumps at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed $68,000.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1661142

Approved

20 26-0481 Issue purchase order for Contract 26-936-11, Furnishing and Delivering Citric Acid, to Alexander Chemical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed $164,080.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1656819

Attachments: Contract 26-936-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf

Approved

21 26-0482 Issue purchase order for Contract 26-641-11, Furnishing and Delivering Liquid Carbon Dioxide to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to MACGAS, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $1,587,600.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1656820

Attachments: Contract 26-641-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf

Approved

Award Contract

22 26-0455 Authority to award Contract 26-653-11, Underground Infrastructure Cleaning at Various Locations, to Pipe View, LLC dba Pipe View America, in an amount not to exceed $2,809,800.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Requisition 1653284

Attachments: Contract 26-653-11 Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix A Report (Revised) - Pipe View America

Approved

23 26-0472 Authority to award Contract 26-677-12 (Re-Bid), Overhead Door Maintenance at Various Service Areas, Groups A, B, and C, to BCE-USA, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $597,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680, Requisitions 1643484, 1643074, and 1640185

Attachments: Contract 26-677-12 Revised Appendix D Reports, Groups A,B,C - BCE-USA, LLC.pdf

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

24 26-0451 Authority to decrease purchase order with Canon Solutions America, Inc. for maintenance and supplies of multifunctional photocopier devices and printers in an amount of $204,596.16, from an amount of $579,513.04, to an amount not to exceed $374,916.88, Account 101-27000-612810, Purchase Order 3116827

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3116827

Approved

25 26-0452 Authority to decrease purchase order and extend the agreement with Labyrinth Solutions LLC d/b/a LSI Consulting, for Contract 22-RFP-14 SAP Consulting Services, in an amount of $72,705.00, from an amount of $429,090.00, to an amount not to exceed $356,385.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Purchase Order 3123966

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3123966

Approved

26 26-0476 Authority to increase Contract 06-360-3SR Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 14B Rehabilitation, NSA, to Michels Trenchless, Inc. in an amount of $948,594.00, from an amount of $36,517,025.05, to an amount not to exceed $37,465,619.05, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000100

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000100

Approved

27 26-0477 Authority to increase Contract 21-091-3P Phosphorus Removal Modifications to Battery D, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of $31,018.92, from an amount of $15,565,795.77, to an amount not to exceed $15,596,814.69, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000099

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000099

Approved

28 26-0478 Authority to increase Contract 07-027-3SR North Side Sludge Pipeline Replacement - Section 1, NSA, Rebid, to Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. in an amount of $165,214.28, from an amount of $32,539,940.03, to an amount not to exceed $32,705,154.31, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000091

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000091

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

29 26-0493 Authority to transfer 2026 departmental appropriations in the amount of $248,000.00 in the Corporate Fund, and Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: 07.16.26 Board Transfer for Board Approval #1

07.16.26 Board Transfer for Board Approval #2

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

30 26-0486 Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of June 2026

Attachments: Attachment 1 CO Report June 2026 Contingency.pdf

Attachment 2 CO Status Report June 2026 Final.pdf

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

31 26-0465 Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Peter Hopp vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 19WC6924, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of $400,100.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

32 26-0466 Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Nitin Shukla vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 25WC007300 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of $165,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

33 26-0467 Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Silvana Chimera vs. MWRDGC, Claim numbers 20WC030262 and 21WC007233 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of $108,966.25, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

Report

34 26-0469 Report of Collective Bargaining Activities in 2026

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

35 26-0464

Report on the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Attachments: 2025 ACFR SUMMARY PRESENTATION

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

36 [26-0470] Authority to issue a one-week permit to Chicago Transit Authority to temporarily park vehicles as part of its Annual Employee Jamboree on 6.61± acres of District real estate located at 3615 Oakton Street in Skokie, Illinois, known as North Shore Channel Parcels 5.01, 5.02, and 5.03. Consideration shall be a permit fee of $5,000.00

Attachments: RE - CTA Permit to use NSC 5.01, 5.02, 5.03 for temp parking Aerial.pdf

Approved

37 [26-0471] Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to the property owner of 9999 W. Roosevelt Road and 10001 W. Roosevelt Road in Westchester, Illinois, 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 $9,774.16, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Approved

38 [26-0479] Authority to grant the City of Palos Heights a 47-year, 0.128± acre non-exclusive easement to construct, operate, maintain, repair and replace a 24-inch sanitary sewer on Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 8.08 in Palos Heights, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of $10.00

Attachments: RE - Palos Heights 47-Year Easement Aerial.pdf

Approved

39 [26-0483] Authority to grant a 25-year, approximately 20’ x 1080’ non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company and Amrize Mid-America, Inc., as co-grantees, to install, operate, maintain, repair, and replace electrical transmission lines and related facilities on District real estate located south of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and east of Illinois Route 83 in Lemont, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 26.01. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of $5,000.00

Attachments: RE - ComEd MCP 26.01 Easement Aerial.pdf

Approved

40 [26-0489] Consent to assignment of lease agreement dated July 10, 2008, between the District and Trinity Christian College on approximately 57 acres of District real estate located near College Drive and Ridgeland Avenue in Palos Heights, Illinois, known as Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 10.03, to Chicago Christian Schools. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of $5,000.00

Attachments: RE - Trinity Lease Assignment Aerial.pdf

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

41 [26-0487](26-0487) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of School District 104 and the Village of Summit for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Suburban Green Schoolyard Pilot Project 3 in Summit, Contract 26-195-5F

Attachments: 26-195-5F Summit SD 104 IGA Exhibit.pdf

Approved

42 26-0494 MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Arnell A. Brady

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1 and 2

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

James Mohler, Executive Director of the MWRD Retirement Fund, gave a presentation to the Board on the 2025 Audit Results of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund (Re: Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee Item #35)

Summary of Requests

Stormwater Management Committee Item #41
Kari K. Steele requested that Executive Director John Murray resend timeline for commissioners to submit their legislative requests and priorities.

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 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: July 31, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., August 5, 2026

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, August 13, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, 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 July 16, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:
/s/ Kari K. Steele
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

July 16, 2026