

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of April 2, 2026 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

None

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, 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

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 Yumeka Brown. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of April 16, 2026 was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:00 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Memorial Resolution

- 1 [26-0254](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Bria Nichole Fleming
Adopted

Finance Committee**Report**

- 2 [26-0248](#) Report on the investment interest income during March 2026
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2026-03 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 3 [26-0249](#) Report on investments purchased during March 2026
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2026-03 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 4 [26-0250](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at March 31, 2026
Attachments: [Inv Stat 2026 Q1 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 5 [26-0267](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of March 2026, in the amount of \$39,313,413.81
Attachments: [March 2026 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)
Published and Filed

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 6 [26-0231](#) Procurement and Materials Management Department - 2025 Annual Report
Attachments: [Procurement and Materials Management Department – 2025 Annual Report](#)
Published and Filed
- 7 [26-0253](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Published and Filed

- 8 [26-0261](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 9 [26-0235](#) Authorization to revise the Contract Change Order Policy for Capital Improvement Construction Projects *(As Revised) (Deferred from the April 2, 2026 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 15, 2012 - Agenda Item No. 4, File No. 12-1537](#)

Approved

- 10 [26-0241](#) Authorization for payment to the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group for Fiscal Year 2026 Membership Dues, in an amount not to exceed \$142,376.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

- 11 [26-0264](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of August 14, 2025 regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Acacia Financial Group, Inc., for Contract 25-RFP-04 Financial Advisor for District Financing Programs, for a five-year period in an amount not to exceed \$177,125.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1633042, Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 25-0580

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of August 14 2025 Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 25-0580.](#)
[ATTACHMENT A](#)

Approved

- 12 [26-0265](#) Authorization to make payment to Current Innovation, NFP *(Current)* for the 2025 and 2026 annual membership dues, in the amount of \$200,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 13 [26-0216](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-023-11, Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to various locations, estimated cost \$82,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570 *(Deferred from the April 2, 2026 Board Meeting)*

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

Approved

- 14 [26-0217](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-025-1H Furnish and Deliver Stem Gate Valves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$108,000.00, Account 101-20000-623090 (*Deferred from the April 2, 2026 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 26-025-1H Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 15 [26-0242](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-419-11 Elevator Maintenance and Repair Service at The Main Office Building Complex, estimated cost \$215,700.00, Accounts 101-15000-612370/612390, Requisition 1655414

Attachments: [Contract 26-419-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 16 [26-0245](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-805-11, Furnish and Deliver Storage Tanks to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$435,000.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1655699

Attachments: [Contract 26-805-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 17 [26-0244](#) Issue purchase order to Hach Company to furnish and deliver Hach AS 950 Automatic Sampler Units and Accessories in an amount not to exceed \$299,459.70, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1655418

Approved

- 18 [26-0247](#) 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

Approved

- 19 [26-0266](#) Issue purchase order to Industrial Technologies and Services, LLC dba Roots Blowers, to Furnish and Deliver Parts for Blower No. 10 at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$238,287.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1655296

Approved

- 20 [26-0268](#) Issue a purchase order to Arends Hogan Walker LLC, DBA AHW LLC, to furnish and deliver one (1) new John Deere Model 8R280 tractor to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 082923-DAC, in an amount not to exceed \$388,819.96, Account 101-68000-634760, Requisition 1654603

Approved

Award Contract

- 21 [26-0255](#) Authority to award Contract 26-659-12 (Re-Bid), Agricultural Management, Agricultural Fieldside Mowing, and Fence Installation and Removal at Fulton County, Illinois, Groups A, B, and C, to C&J Mowing and Fencing, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,260,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1639875

Attachments: [Contract 26-659-11, Groups A,B,C Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 22 [26-0256](#) 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 \$153,609.66, from an amount of \$32,386,330.37, to an amount not to exceed \$32,539,940.03, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000091

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000091](#)

Approved

- 23 [26-0257](#) Authority to increase Contract 20-RFP-28R Biogas Combined Heat and Power System, Egan WRP, to Baxter & Woodman/Boller Construction, LLC in an amount of \$101,421.60, from an amount of \$14,818,752.22, to an amount not to exceed \$14,920,173.82, Accounts 101-50000-612490, 201-50000-612450, 201-50000-645650, Purchase Orders 3130589, 3130593, and 4000112

Attachments: [Change Order Log - PO 4000112](#)

Approved

- 24 [26-0258](#) Authority to increase Contract 73-161-EH McCook Reservoir Excavation Agreement, to Vulcan Construction Materials, L.P. in an amount of \$3,365,828.00, from an amount of \$117,857,527.25, to an amount not to exceed \$121,223,355.25, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5000176

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5000176.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [26-0262](#) Authority to decrease Contract 24-638-22 (Re-Bid), HVAC Improvements at Various Locations, Group A to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$208,829.55, from an amount of \$24,528,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$24,319,170.45, Account 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 5002030

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5002030.pdf](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 26 [26-0270](#) Authority to transfer 2026 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$372,500.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [04.16.26 Board Transfer for Board Approval.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 27 [26-0259](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2026

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report March 2026 5% Contingency - Final.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 CO Status Report March 2026 - FINAL.pdf](#)

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Maintenance & Operations Committee

Report

- 28 [26-0246](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Acting Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of March 2026

Attachments: [R-98 Report March 2026.pdf](#)

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Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 29 [26-0263](#) Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to two property owners for temporary easement extensions in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvement Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a combined total amount of \$8,268.58, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

30 [26-0260](#) Report on Green Infrastructure Partnership Project Submittals

Attachments: [Board Report Attachment - Map of GI Projects 2026.pdf](#)
[Board Report Attachment - Recommended GI Projects 2026.pdf](#)

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Miscellaneous and New Business**Meeting Summary****Speakers**

None

Summary of Requests

Stormwater Management Item 30

- 1. Yumeka Brown requested a list of communities that have applied to this program in the last 3 years*
- 2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested the list include communities that applied but were not approved and the reason why*
- 3. Cameron Davis requested information on the success of the District's technical assistance for disproportionately impacted communities*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 7, 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: April 24, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 29, 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, May 7, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

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 April 16, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

April 16, 2026