

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 6, 2022

10:30 AM

Remote Meeting

### Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Chakena D. Perry, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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 10:35 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Chakena D. Perry; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that the minutes from the last Regular Board meeting of December 16, 2021 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9- Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that the minutes from the Reconvened Annual Meeting of December 16, 2021 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9- Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Public Comments

*None*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9- Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 10

Item #10 was deleted by the Executive Director

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Cameron Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9- Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 6, 2022 was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

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

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Motion

- 1 [22-0014](#) MOTION to re-appoint Mariyana T. Spyropoulos as trustee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Retirement Fund  
**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**  
**Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele
  
- 2 [22-0023](#) MOTION to further extend the 2020 Agreements with Hearing Officers for one additional year through 2022  
**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**  
**Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

- 3 [22-0024](#) MOTION to appoint Hearing Officers for 2022 (*As Revised*)

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 4 [21-1240](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on January 1, 2022

**Attachments:** [DS 2022-01 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 5 [21-1236](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, December 14, 2021

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 6 [21-1244](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of December 16, 2021, regarding Authority to Award Contract 22-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$156,592.00, Account 101-20000-623570, Agenda Item No. 34, File No. 21-1178

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of December 16, 2021 - Agenda Item No. 34, File No. 21-1178.pdf](#)  
[Attachment to Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of December 16, 2021 - Agenda Item No. 34, File No. 21-1178.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 7 [22-0002](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of October 7, 2021, regarding Issue purchase order to Hexagon PPM for CAESAR Software Maintenance Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$13,936.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1569429, Agenda Item No. 23, File No. 21-0870

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of October 7, 2021, Agenda Item No. 23, File No. 21-0870](#)

**Approved**

- 8 [22-0010](#) Authorization for payment to the Chicago Area Waterways Chloride Workgroup for the agency 2022 membership dues, in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280
- Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 9 [21-1241](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-108-11, Preventive Maintenance for Aries Water Systems, estimated cost \$12,000.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1572766
- Approved**

- 10 [21-1245](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-135-3V Roof Replacement of the Lue-Hing M&R Complex and miscellaneous renovations within the M&R Complex interior, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost between \$8,075,000.00 and \$9,775,000.00, Account 401-50000-645780, Requisition 1572767

**Attachments:** [Contract 17-135-3V Project View](#)  
[Contract 17-135-3V Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 11 [22-0003](#) Issue purchase order to HP Inc. for the purchase of new and replacement computer hardware and replacement toner, in an amount not to exceed \$396,000.00, Accounts 101-27000-623810 and 623520, Requisition 1572430
- Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 12 [21-1237](#) Authority to award Contract 21-662-11, Digester Cover Painting at Various Locations to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$536,875.04, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612650, Requisition 1568067

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-662-11 Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 13 [22-0022](#) Authority to award Contract 21-690-12, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA (Re-Bid), to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$12,556,834.00, Account 101-69000-612520, Requisition 1560714

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-690-12 Revised Appendix D Report](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

14 [21-1235](#)

Authority to increase Contract 18-803-32, Gravity Concentration Tank Rehabilitation at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$30,591.00 from an amount of \$2,312,829.00 to an amount not to exceed \$2,343,420.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001744

**Attachments:** [Change Order - Purchase Order 5001744](#)

**Approved**

15 [21-1246](#)

Authority to increase Contract 13-370-3F Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion, to Lake County Grading Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$126,070.00, from an amount of \$9,676,606.85, to an amount not to exceed \$9,802,676.85, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000056

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000056](#)

**Approved**

16 [22-0006](#)

Authority to increase Contract 11-187-AF Demolition for the Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA, to McDonagh Demolition, Inc. in an amount of \$17,684.70, from an amount of \$732,916.30, to an amount not to exceed \$750,601.00, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000080

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000080](#)

**Approved**

17 [22-0011](#)

Authority to increase purchase order to Austin Voice Newspaper, in an amount of \$5,578.00, from an amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$15,478.00, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 8009974

**Attachments:** [List of Change Orders - Austin Voice 2021 - Purchase Order 8009974](#)

**A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

18 [22-0015](#)

Authority to increase purchase order to 1st Metropolitan Translation Services Inc., to provide translation and interpretation services in an amount of \$7,800.00, from an amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$17,700.00, Account 101-15000-612490, Purchase Order 8009776

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 19 [21-1230](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Joseph Stewart vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 18 WC 12040, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$62,500.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Authorization

- 20 [21-1238](#) Authority to issue an additional lease to a tenant farmer for a land parcel located at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, for a one-year period, pursuant to 17-RFP-31, Farm Management Support Services. The District will be paid an annual rent of \$91,801.52 for the additional lease

Approved

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 10

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

- Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## State Legislation & Rules Committee

### Authorization

- 21 [22-0013](#) Recommendation for the State of Illinois 2022 Legislative Program

**A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

- Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 22 [22-0007](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Glenview, Illinois for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the Flood Control Project on the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River, NSA (16-IGA-18) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, Account 501-500000-612400, Requisition 1573120

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

- Aye:** 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

### Miscellaneous and New Business

#### Meeting Summary

##### Speakers

*None*

##### Study Session

*None*

##### Announcements

*None*

##### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022, 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 7, 2022**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 12, 2022**



**Summary of Requests***Procurement Committee Item #17*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo detailing the procurement processes and the requirements for contracts under \$9,900

*Procurement Committee Item #18*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a breakdown of how the increase requested is to be utilized and the list of languages the materials are to be translated into  
2. Kari K. Steele requested the memo also include the brochures and literature that District has already translated in other languages

*State Legislation and Rules Committee Item #21*

1. Cameron Davis requested the Board have a second round of follow up discussions about priorities by Commissioners who put ideas in and provide the Board an adequate timeline for discussion on legislative initiatives agenda items  
2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested staff provide the assessment quantifying the benefits and cost reductions expected  
3. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested separate routine reports on General Assembly lobbying efforts  
4. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested restarting the Springfield News Updates that Board used to receive

*Stormwater Management Committee Item #22*

1. Barbara J. McGowan requested the Board receive a memo on any issues that may arise with this project

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, January 20, 2022 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 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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 6, 2022, are hereby approved.**

**APPROVED:**

**/s/ Kari K. Steele**

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

**January 6, 2022**