



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026

1:00 PM

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Finance Committee Meeting will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Forte called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chairperson Linda Forte, Commissioner John Henry Davis and
Commissioner Michael Einheuser

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the minutes of March 4, 2026.

A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per speaker)

Norrel Hemphill, Legal and Public Policy Manager for WTPOD asked if the Department could appropriate more money from the budget to fund the Lifeline program. Director Brown replied that DWSD allocates 1% of its budget, which is twice the amount of what GLWA reserves. Ms. Hemphill asked if the 1% was of the total budget or just the drinking water budget? She also asked if the amount could be increased or perhaps ask City Council for more money to be appropriated to the water assistance programs. She stated that there are over 60,000 households who need assistance and 40% of those households are customers. She said we need to extend our programs, get more creative, and ensure that all Detroit residents have access to clean, safe and affordable water.

6. COMMUNICATIONS**A. [2026-71](#) Receipt of Correspondence**

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [BOWC Memo](#)
[Contracts & Purchase Orders \\$5,000-\\$25,000 April 2026](#)
[BOWC March 2026 ECS Report Approved by Director Brown April 2026](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS**A. [2026-72](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Purchase Order 3091787 with Vermeer of Michigan, Inc. dba Vermeer Midwest to provide (1) one new Directional Drill and Trailer Package, to support DWSD Lead Service Replacement Operations, for a total purchase not-to-exceed amount of \$232,260.00.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch and Water Production and Operations Manager Roberts

A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2026-73](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract 6006211 with Duke's Root Control Inc., for catch basin cleaning services, a piggyback utilizing the Wayne County Contract #37-22-092; by adding \$1,000,000.00 in funding and extending the term of 1 year, for a total amended contract amount not-to-exceed \$3,545,335.00 and a new term ending 4/19/27.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Chairperson Linda Forte, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Contract Amendment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- C. [2026-75](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007786, with Safer Home Services North America LLC dba Clear Pest Pros of Southeast Michigan, for a duration of five years and a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Contract be recommended for approval.. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- D. [2026-74](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007783, (CS-2006) a piggyback of CoD Contract 6007402, with Power Lighting & Technical Services, for planned electrical and cabling services, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$1,875,000.00 and a term of 2 years and 5 months.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch and Gosine
- A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- E. [2026-76](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007780 (Project WS-755) with DMC Consultants, Inc. for Lead Water Service Line Replacement - Chandler Park, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$7,969,391.31 and a term of two (2) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- F. [2026-77](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007779 with Zenner USA, Inc., for the purchase of water meters, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$3,627,192.20 and a term of three (3) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch and Water Production and Operations Manager Flake
- Attachments:** [Bid Tab Evaluation Pricing Sheet 543634 -mw3.30.26](#)

A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

G. [2026-78](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007800 with Master Meter, for the purchase of water meters., for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$2,218,300.00 and a term of three (3) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch and Water Production and Operations Manager Flake

Attachments: [Bid Tab Evaluation Pricing Sheet 543634 -mw3.30.26](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H. [2026-79](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007801 with Metron-Farnier, LLC, for the purchase of water meters, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$1,607,250.00 and a term of three (3) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch and Water Production and Operations Manager Flake

Attachments: [Bid Tab Evaluation Pricing Sheet 543634 -mw3.30.26](#)

A motion was made by John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

I. [2026-89](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007795 for Project WS-756 with Inner City Contracting LLC and Eminent Excavating LLC, a Joint Venture (JV) award, for Lead Water Service Line Replacements in the Eden Gardens neighborhood, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$8,125,500.00 and a term of two (2) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

J. [2026-88](#)

January 2026 Monthly Financial Review

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [Finance Committee Presentation - April 2026 Meeting \(Jan Results\)](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

9. PLANNING CALENDAR (17-0130)

January 2026 Monthly Financial Review

10. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

11. NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Forte requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by John Henry Davis that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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