



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Legal and Government Affairs

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

2:30 PM

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Legal and Governmental Affairs Meeting will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinloch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Michael Einheuser and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

The Chair called for recess at 2:32 p.m.

The Chair returned from recess at 3:05 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2024.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per speaker)

a. DeMeeko Williams, Chief Executive Director with Hydrate Detroit, stated that his concern was with Wayne Metro and the many complaints about its leadership and accountability. He said there were several complaints with the intake center and the difficulty in making contact with them. He also continues to rally for a water amnesty.

b. Norrel Hemphill, Attorney with Great Lakes Environmental Law, continues to rally for transparency and asked if there is an agreement between DWSD and Wayne Metro. She also asked about the update of the meetings to the DWSD YouTube channel, and if the complaints about Wayne Metro can be transparent.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2024-115](#) Receipt of Correspondence

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Attachments: [Litigation Report - Office of the General Counsel May 2024 final](#)

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

B. [2024-116](#) Receipt of Correspondence

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Attachments: [DWSD FOIA Report \(May 2024\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser 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

There was none.

9. Planning Calendar (2023-162)

Nothing scheduled.

10. OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Kinloch gave expression of condolences to the family of Rasul Raheem, DWSD General Counsel.

11. NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 8, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Once the Chair closes public comment, there will be no other public comments accepted and all the attendees will remain muted for the duration of the meeting.