



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

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

2:45 PM

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Legal and Government Affairs will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinloch called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michael Einheuser

The Chair called for recess at 2:47 p.m.

The Chair returned from recess at 2:48 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Kinloch requested approval of the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Kinloch requested approval of the minutes of October 2, 2024.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2 minutes per speaker)

Demeeke Williams - Gives congratulations to Commissioners Kinloch on being re-elected to Wayne County Commissioner. Also, Mr. Williams comments on the

possibility of water affordability and what DWSD is doing to prevent possible upcoming lawsuits.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2024-242](#) FOIA Report

Sponsors: Riggs

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

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

B. [2024-243](#) Litigation Report

Sponsors: Branch

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch 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. [2024-237](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **outright vacate a DWSD asset and easement at 601 Piquette Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Bahri

Attachments: [601 Piquette - Easement Vacation Petition](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch that this Resolution, BOWC be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2024-238](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an Easement to DTE Gas Company**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

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Attachments: [DTE Easement Waterworks Park Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch that this Resolution, BOWC be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. PLANNING CALENDAR (2023-162)

Nothing scheduled

DWSD's General Counsel Scott MacGriff and Commissioner Kinloch will soon meet about updating the planning calendar.

10. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

11. NEXT MEETING

December 4, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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