



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

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Wednesday, June 4, 2025

2:45 PM

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Legal Committee will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinloch called the meeting to order at 2:45 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 3:26 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 May 7, 2025.

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 (3 minutes per speaker)

a. DeMeeko Williams, Chief Executive Director of Hydrate Detroit, stated that he came before the board with peace and love. He asked how can the Department communicate more efficiently and build trust to help the residents.

b. Norrel Hemphill, Legal and Policy Manager with We the People of Detroit (WTPOD) asked for the reporting requirements for shutoffs and restorations.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2025-129](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Riggs

Attachments: [DWSD FOIA Report \(May 2025\)](#)

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. [2025-130](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [Litigation Report - Office of the General Counsel June 2025 final](#)

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. [2025-131](#) The Board of Water Commissioner for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department approves the following Information Technology policy: **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Acceptable Use** and authorizes the Director to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the policy.

Sponsors: Branch

Attachments: [Acceptable Use - Artificial Intelligence](#)

This item was placed on "Unfinished Business" for the July 2, 2025 legal committee meeting.

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

B. [2025-132](#) The Board of Water Commissioner for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department approves the following Information Technology policy: **Data Usage and Classification Policy** and authorizes the Director to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the policy.

Sponsors: Branch

Attachments: [Data Usage and Classification Policy](#)

This item was placed on "Unfinished Business" for the July 2, 2025 legal committee meeting.

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

9. PLANNING CALENDAR (2023-162)

The Chair and Legal Counsel will meet to discuss the yearly planning calendar matters.

10. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

11. NEXT MEETING

July 2, 2025

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 3:48 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.

