



# Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Water Commissioners

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Thursday, July 17, 2025

2:00 PM

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## BOWC Meeting

The meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jane Garcia,  
Chairperson Michael Einheuser and Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Linda Forte and Commissioner John Henry Davis

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the amended agenda as item E is being removed.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of June 18, 2025.

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

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Hider Ayoub - Public comment is regarding a water bill for \$200,000.00. Mr. Ayoub wants assistance in resolving this matter.

Liz Cohen - Power of attorney for Mr. Donald Williams. His property has been vacant from 2021 to present. The water bill came when attempting to sell the home. Mr. Williams was about to demo the house but could not board up the house. Mr. Williams received a bill for \$16,000.00 and is inquiring why the bill is so high as the

water has been shut water off since 2023. Wondering how the bill became so high?

Cicely McClellan of We the People of Detroit - Comment regarding emergency medical waivers and what happened to them? Inquiring if it is a medical emergency, can DWSD not shutoff water in these circumstances? Also commenting about issues with Easypay with payment plans being too high to payoff. Says this is an ongoing problem and need to be resolved. Hoping the lifeline program will be funded. Lastly, Ms. McCullum wants to know how many are shutoff.

Beulah Walker of Hydrate Detroit - Comment regarding the BOWC Commissioners staying or leaving their positions with the new mayor? Echo's Ms. Cicely McClellan's water emergency medical waiver comment.

Norrell Hemphill - Comment regarding the sale of the westside customer service center and asked to suspend the agenda item in order to do community outreach about the sale of the facility as she says it is helpful for those not able to navigate the online system.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. [2025-166](#) Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Phillips

**Attachments:** [FOIA 25-122 Response \(WTPOD\)](#)  
[2478 Parker St - Response Letter](#)

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

## 7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blackmon stated that she is putting on public record that water matters will be addressed by DWSD.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**There were none.**

## 9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 9A-J)

### A. [2025-160](#) Motion regarding DJ's Landscape Management protest regarding Detroit Water and Sewerage Department RFB #534440, for Grounds Maintenance Services.

**Sponsors:** MacGriff

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- B.**     [2025-143](#)     The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 1 to DWSD Contract 6006874 (WS-747) with Super Construction LLC for Hydro-Excavation in The Grandmont Community Neighborhood of Detroit, by adding \$165,685.00 in funding for a total amended contract amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00. No change to contract terms and conditions or expiring date of 1/27/2026.** 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 Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- C.**     [2025-144](#)     The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007251 (DWS-971) with LGC Global, Inc. and Detroit Grounds Crew (Joint Venture), for Catch Basin Inspection, Repair & Replacement; for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$7,440,164.00 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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- D.**     [2025-145](#)     The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007258 (WS-741) with LGC Global, Inc. for Water System Improvements; for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$13,892,423.00 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 Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved.. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- E.**     [2025-146](#)     The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007278, with Johnson Controls Fire Protection, a piggyback off the City of Detroit Contract 6006407, for Fire Systems Planned Services, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00 and an expiration date of 7/31/27.** 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 Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**F. [2025-153](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007287 for Project DWS-977 with LGC Global, Inc. for Sewer Improvements Throughout the City of Detroit for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$9,769,962.00 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 Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**G. [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 Penson

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**H. [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 Penson

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**I. [2025-152](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into an Easement Encroachment Permit with Fairlane Retail Management, LLC,** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Branch Penson

**Attachments:** [2025-2 GLWA GEEP 2505 734 Andrew EEP Package](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- J. [2025-155](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with P&V Management Group, LLC**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: MacGriff

Attachments: [Purchase Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [2025-162](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007295 to provide grounds maintenance services for a term of 5 years with Premier Group Associates LC not-to-exceed \$259,186.24**. 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 Michael Einheuser, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. [2025-167](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007309 (WS-742) with LGC Global, Inc. for Water System Improvements, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$19,477,752.00 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 Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- C. [2025-168](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6007201 with DLZ Michigan, Inc.; for Sewer Condition Assessment, Sewer Flow Monitoring, Hydraulic Modeling, CIP Development, and Design Services in the neighborhoods of Cultural Center, Medbury Park, Eastern Market, Greektown, Milwaukee Junction, New Center, and Tech Town (Project**

DWS-966); for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$15,915,746.00 and a term of 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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**D.** [2025-164](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **acquire the properties listed in the attached Exhibit A as a part of the Brightmoor Stormwater Improvement Project - Acquisition plan included in the Capital Budget**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Smalley and Branch Penson

**Attachments:** [DWSD Brightmoor Update BOWC July 2025](#)  
[Exhibit A to Brightmoor Resolution](#)  
[Parcel Information Brightmoor 20250702](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**E. Union Ratification**

This item has been removed from the agenda by the BOWC.

**11. DIRECTOR'S METRICS**

**A.** [2025-170](#) **Director's Metrics**

**Sponsors:** Brown

**Attachments:** [Board Report - Metrics - 07162025 - Edited](#)

**This matter was received and filed.**

**12. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

The BOWC asked for an update on fire hydrants. DWSD stated that 186 of 30,000 hydrants are not operable. DWSD also gave an update on painting fire hydrants.

**13. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chairperson Einheuser and Vice Chairperson Blackmon acknowledged the passing of Judge Virgil Smith and sends their condolences. Chairperson Einheuser told stories of his memories of Judge Virgil Smith as they lived near each other and their children grew up with each other. Chairperson Einheuser and Judge Virgil Smith also

share the same birthday.

**14. OTHER MATTERS**

DWSD's General Counsel Scott MacGriff introduced Elizabeth Morales who is DWSD's newest Associate General Counsel.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

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

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**

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