



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

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

2:15 PM

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Legal Committee will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kinloch called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michael Einheuser

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kinloch requested approval of the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kinloch requested approval of the minutes of December 3, 2025.

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

The Chairperson called for recess at 2:30 pm

The Chairperson returned from recess at 2:31 pm

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per speaker)

Norrell Hemphill comment pertains to water advocates not being irritants and that advocates are here to help. Says that things said in the Customer Service Committee

Meeting were untrue and that we need officials that truly want to serve the community. Says we all need to help everyone in that is in need. Also she says that the We the People of Detroit letter to DWSD has not been added to agenda nor acknowledged by DWSD. Lastly, she inquired to DWSD why they are not supporting the house bills sponsored by We the People of Detroit. (Commissioner Kinloch suggests to have DWSD Legal respond to the We the People of Detroit letter and to schedule a meeting with Attorney Hemphill to have her issues and concerns addressed)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2026-23](#) Litigation Report

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Attachments: [Litigation Report - Office of the General Counsel December 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 unanimously.

B. [2026-24](#) FOIA Monthly Report

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

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 unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

9. PLANNING CALENDAR (2025-162)

Nothing Scheduled

10. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

11. NEXT MEETING

February 4, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 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