



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Capital Improvement Program and Operations Committee

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026

2:15 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fagade called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chairperson Ademola Fagade and Commissioner John Henry Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Jane Garcia

Commissioner Garcia joined at 2:20 p.m.

The Chair called for recess at 2:31 p.m.

The Chair returned from recess at 2:33 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Fagade requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Ademola Fagade that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Fagade requested approval of the minutes of March 4, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Ademola Fagade that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per speaker)

a. Norrel Hemphill, Legal and Public Policy Manager with WTPOD asked for an explanation of the projects happening throughout the City. She said it would be helpful if the Department could provide a narrative that could be shared with the residents on the reasoning and rationale behind how certain areas are selected. She also said that there are certain areas that are prone to flooding.

b. Gwendolyn Howard echoed Ms. Hemphill's comments. She asked if the Board would consider holding public comments after the presentation to address concerns at that moment.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. [2026-81](#) Review and Approval of Final Five-Year DWSD CIP for FY 2027-2031

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [BOWC Presentation - FY 27-31 CIP Budget April 15 2026](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

B. [2026-90](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the proposed 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Fiscal Years 2027 to 2031 for the Water Supply System in the amount of \$664,550,000 and for the Sewerage Disposal System in the amount of 784,450,000, respectively and the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget for the Water Supply System in the amount of \$109,240,000 and for the Sewerage Disposal System in the amount of \$124,535,000, respectively;** and further authorizes the Director and Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [17.BOWC Presentation - FY 27-31 CIP Budget April 15 2026](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Ademola Fagade that this Contract be recommended for approval.. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [2026-86](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department approves the submission of a **Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Water Resources Division State**

High Water Infrastructure Grant Application for Jefferson Chalmers Bioretention Implementation and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Smalley

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Ademola Fagade that this Resolution, BOWC be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. PLANNING CALENDAR (18-0004)

Review and Approval of Final Five Year DWSD CIP for Fiscal Years 2027-2031

10. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

11. NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Fagade requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Ademola Fagade that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

How to Make a Request for Public Comment

You may provide your public comment via Zoom link:

<http://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/81572635118>

During the public comment section for each committee meeting, raise your hand using the Zoom hand icon on your desktop or mobile device, or if calling into the meeting by phone, press *9 to raise your hand (press *6 to unmute when called upon).

We respectfully request that you maximize your three minutes by sharing all your comments/questions at one time. You will only be called upon once for public comment during the same committee meeting, full board meeting, or hearing.

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.