



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

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023

4:00 PM

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Legal and Government Affairs Committee will be held virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinloch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Michael Einheuser

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 September 6, 2023.

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)

There was none.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2023-232](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Riggs

Attachments: [FOIA REQUESTS - MONTHLY REPORT September 2023](#)

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. [2023-233](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [Litigation Report - Office of the General Counsel October 2023_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.

Commissioner Einheuser joined at 4:03 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. [2023-223](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **terminate and release DWSD easements, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

Sponsors: Bahri

Attachments: [MARK TWAIN TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF EASEMENT_9.26](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract, Real Estate Easement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2023-229](#) Legislative Update

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [Legislative Update for BOWC - Water Affordability](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

C. Planning Calendar (2023-162)

9. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

10. NEXT MEETING

November 1, 2023

11. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser to enter into this Closed Session Request at 4:33 p.m., be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A. [2023-208](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners' Legal and Government Affairs Committee votes to **approve a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and Section 13(y) of the Freedom of Information Act to receive an update of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Risk and Resiliency Plan.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

ROLL CALL

A motion was made that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Kinloch, Commissioner Einheuser and Commissioner Blackmon

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this return from Closed Session at 4:53 p.m., be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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