



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

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Wednesday, August 3, 2022

1:00 PM

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BOWC Special Meeting No. 1

To attend In Person:
735 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226, 5th Floor Boardroom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Einheuser called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Chairperson Michael Einheuser, Vice
Chairperson Mary Blackmon and Commissioner Jane Garcia
Excused: 3 - Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner John Henry Davis and
Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by
Commissioner Linda Forte that the agenda be approved. The motion carried
by a unanimous vote.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the June 28, 2022 Special Meeting No.
19.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by
Commissioner Linda Forte that the minutes be approved. The motion carried
by a unanimous vote.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

a. Latrina Conaway came before the board about the lead service line replacement
program. She stated that she lives in the East Davison community district and for the
past two months she has tried to retrieve and submit her application online. She

asked why should a form be completed, and why is the form not accessible? Director Brown replied that the Public Affairs team would contact her.

b. Beulah Walker with Hydrate Detroit came to thank Director Brown and the Board on the progress that has been with the Lifeline Plan and the continued efforts being made to help the citizens of Detroit.

Commissioner Kinloch arrive at 1:07 p.m.

Commissioner Coleman arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Commissioner Davis arrived at 1:13 p.m.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. CLOSED SESSION

- i. [22-0898](#) Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners votes to **approve a meeting with General Counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss settlement strategy in pending litigation and a confidential attorney communication.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte to enter into this Request, Closed Session at 1:14 p.m. be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Blackmon, Commissioner Kinloch, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Garcia

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman to return from Closed Session at 1:32 p.m. be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The only matter discussed was settlement strategy in pending litigation and a confidential attorney communication.

9. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Brown reported that Wayne Metro received 5,000 applicants for the Lifeline Plan including the 2,500 that were transferred from the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP). Commissioner Blackmon asked if Wayne Metro had difficulty receiving the calls. Director Brown replied, no.

Director Brown also reported that the flood of June 25 and 26, 2021 had over 30,000 claims, of which 12, 000 were non-residential. Commissioner Garcia asked had all the claims been settled. He replied, no. They were still under review.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

12. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

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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.