



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

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Wednesday, September 6, 2023

3:30 PM

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## Legal and Government Affairs Meeting will be held virtually

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinloch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Chairperson Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Michael Einheuser and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Kinloch requested approval of the amended agenda.

Item 2023-208, Closed Session was moved to the October meeting agenda.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Kinloch requested approval of the minutes of August 2, 2023.

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

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

Cindy Darrah came before the Board about the increase drainage calculation charge. She also stated that the Department should separate the storm water from the sewage water.

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. [2023-194](#) Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [Memorandum to BOWC re Special Master Report](#)  
[Special Discovery Master Report](#)  
[Litigation Report - Office of the General Counsel Legal Committee September 2023 final](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**B. [2023-196](#) Receipt of Correspondence**

**Sponsors:** Riggs

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. [2023-205](#) Greenbelt Project - Revised Damage Claims Process**

**Attachments:** [Lean Project Cabinet Report Out FINAL Gary Watkins DWSD BOWC](#)

Presenter: Gary Watkins

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

**9. Planning Calendar (2023-162)**

Closed Session - Emergency Preparedness and Response

**10. OTHER MATTERS**

There were none.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

October 4, 2023

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**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

This item was deferred until the October agenda.

### 13. 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 3:49 p.m.**

#### **How to Make a Request for Public Comment**

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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.**