



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

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Wednesday, June 15, 2022

2:00 PM

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## **BOWC Regular and Annual Meeting**

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

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chairperson Michael Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon,  
Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Lane Coleman and  
Commissioner John Henry Davis

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Jane Garcia

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Einheuser requested that the tabled item under "unfinished business" remain tabled for further discussion.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by  
Commissioner Lane Coleman that the agenda be approved. The motion  
carried by a unanimous vote.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of May 18, 2022.

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

### **5. ELECTION AND APPROVAL OF OFFICERS**

- A. [22-0841](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the following officer of Chair for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [BOWC Resolution-Chair](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- B. [22-0842](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the following officer of Vice Chair for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [BOWC Resolution-Vice Chair](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- C. [22-0843](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **adopts the FY 2022-2023 Schedule of Board Meetings attached to this motion**, and also authorizes the Chairman and the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [Amended FY2022-2023 BOWC Meeting Calendar](#)

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

- D. [22-0845](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the following officer as Board Secretary for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [BOWC Resolution-Board Secretary](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**

Commissioner Garcia joined at 2:06 p.m.

- a. Michael Shane came before the Board for a response to the communication he submitted at a prior meeting.
- b. Demeeko Williams of Hydrate Detroit came before the Board about the many water main breaks throughout the city and customers who do not water. He suggested a meeting to discuss water affordability, holding a water summit, and providing unlimited water access.
- c. Cecily McClellan with "We the People" suggested that the Department look into an income-based program as oppose to the water affordability plan. She hopes that the model implemented by Roger Coltin is used as an example. Chairman Einheuser added that he suggested everyone review the Blue Ribbon Report on Water Affordability and also the Michigan Supreme Court opinion on Bolt versus Lansing.
- d. Jermaine Paynes came before the Board regarding his property that has been without water for two years and he is seeking a resolution.
- e. Joyce Moore with the Virginia Park Community wanted information on the Water Resource Program, an explanation about the water/sewer line, and a sinkhole in the alley.
- f. Tiesha Turner came before the board about mold in her home.
- g. Debra Taylor came to support a permanent income-based program.
- h. Georgia Crawford-Campbell came to asked when her neighborhood is scheduled for the lead service line replacement.
- i. Tawana Petty an advocate and activist for water affordability, stated that she was truly happy to hear about an income-based plan.
- j. Aubrey Agee of 554 Hendrie Street came before the Board about the status of his claim.
- k. Sonia Brown came about her two properties that flood every rainfall.
- l. Norel Hemphill stated that the Headley Amendment is Article 10, Sections 25-34 of the Michigan Constitution. She echoed the activists that spoke previously. She also provided insight on the Bolt versus Lansing.
- j. Gwendolyn Bland came before the board because she needs water service.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. [22-0839](#) Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [FOIA REQUESTS - MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2022](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Chairperson Michael Einheuser that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Garcia suggested that the Water and Fire Department communicate with businesses and residents whenever scheduled preventive maintenance is being performed. She said several customers called regarding water quality concerns at their homes and places of business.

Commissioner Coleman asked for confirmation of the Board's December meeting. The date of December 18, 2022 was a Sunday.

Commissioner Kinloch suggested that the Department coordinate a meeting Mac Farr, with the Village of CDC to discuss the Department's infrastructure plans. Many of the residents had experienced storm drains and sinkholes issues.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - TABLED ITEM****A. [22-0812](#) Amendments to the By-Laws of the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [Memorandum Outlining Proposed Changes to By-Laws](#)  
[BOWC Proposed Bylaw amendments \(redlined\)](#)  
[Judge Cox's Order 12.15.2015](#)

**10. NEW BUSINESS****A. [22-0825](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract No. 6004479 to utilize the Sourcewell-NJPA Cooperative Agreement #030421-JHN with Johnson Controls Fire Protection for Fire Systems Planned Service, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$270,000 and a three year term ending June 30, 2025.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

**Sponsors:** Welch

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**B. [22-0826](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004499 with Michigan CAT division of MacAllister Machinery Co, Inc., for Parts and Repairs Services for Caterpillar Backhoe Loaders, Front End Loaders, and Engine related Equipment for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00 and a term of two years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [BOWC Letter MiCat Bid Tab 493014](#)

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

**C. [22-0827](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004473 for various Vactor Parts with Jack Doheny Companies, Inc., for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$145,307.68 and a term of 2 years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [Jack Doheny Price Page](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**D. [22-0828](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 1 to DWSD Contract 6002753 (CS-1933) with Johnson Controls Security Solutions to provide Gate Access Control Services by adding \$77,828.02, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$427,828.02 and to extend the term by six (6) months, through 12/31/22.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**E. [22-0829](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6003971 to piggyback City of Detroit Contract 6002274 with Harris & Harris, Ltd., to provide 3rd Party Collection Services for all DWSD facilities for a duration of 15 months. This is a revenue contract with no payments made to the vendor. The vendor is compensated by retaining 13.2% of all amounts collected.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- F. [22-0833](#) The Board of Water Commissioners **authorizes the Director to approve the accompanying Sewer Disposal System (SDS) Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027; authorize the Director to approve the FY2023 Capital Budget** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Rahman and Daniels

**Attachments:** [2023-2027 5-Year CIP Plan FY2023 Capital Budget md 5.25.2022](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chairperson Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Blackmon, Commissioner Kinloch, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Garcia

- G. [22-0834](#) The Board of Water Commissioners **authorizes the Director to approve the accompanying Water Supply System (WSS) Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027; authorizes the Director to approve the FY2023 Capital Budget** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Rahman and Daniels

**Attachments:** [2023-2027 5-Year CIP Plan FY2023 Capital Budget md 5.25.2022](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chairperson Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Blackmon, Commissioner Kinloch, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Garcia

- H. [22-0837](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004518 for five sizes of Gate Valve parts with EJ USA Inc., for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$414,522.32 and a term of 2 years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [Final Pricing Page Gate Valve](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- I. [22-0838](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004526 with Human Fliers, LLC, to deliver “service interruption” notices (door hangers)**

and provide services to support survey programs for DWSD customers for a period of three-years, at a cost not-to-exceed \$300,000. This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**J. [22-0844](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into an Agreement and Grant of Easement for Storm Water Drainage Outlet Pipe between Lakeshore Distribution LLC, Great Lakes Water Authority and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Bahri

**Attachments:** [GLWA Certification](#)  
[GLWA Resolution](#)  
[Copy Easement Signed by Lakeshore](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract, Real Estate Easement be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**K. [22-0846](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004557 with Lakeshore Global Corporation for Sewer & Catch Basin Cleaning, Inspections and Maintenance Services in Detroit for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 and a term of three (3) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [RFB 492829 Catch Basins Bid Tab](#)

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

**11. DIRECTOR'S METRICS**

**A. [22-0840](#)**

**Director's Metrics**

**Sponsors:** Brown

**Attachments:** [Board Report - Metrics - 06152022](#)

**This Communication or Report was received and filed.**

**12. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Blackmon asked how the Department handles water main breaks that recur in the same vicinity. Samuel Smalley, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Engineer replied that the average age of the water system is ninety-five years old. When a water main needs attention, a permit is required through the State of Michigan Department of Environment and Great Lakes Energy. The process could take weeks to months. The Department does not have the ability to replace a main on site. Vice Chair Blackmon asked how do the Department schedule televising the mains. Mr. Smalley replied that they are scheduled based on the inspection and assessment. Vice Chair Blackmon reported on behalf of a customer, how pleased she was with the Department and staff and the attentiveness of the staff during the repairs.

Commissioner Kinloch commended staff on responding to the constituents concerns.

Commissioner Davis took a moment to commend Commissioner Einheuser on his role as Chair.

**13. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chairman Einheuser echoed commissioners Blackmon and Kinloch with kudos to Director Brown and staff handling constituents concerns in a timely fashion.

**14. OTHER MATTERS**

**There were none.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.**



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