



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

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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

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## BOWC Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jane Garcia, Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Lane Coleman

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the amended agenda. Items 19-0026 and 19-0027 were added to the agenda.

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of December 19, 2018.

Commissioner Garcia inquired about a payment center in the southwest district. Director Brown replied that the department is exploring all of its options.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

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

Eric Smith of 1822 Leverette St. came before the board regarding fees assessed to his water bill account.

Commissioner Coleman joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

[19-0019](#)

**Review of Audited Financial Statement FYE 6/30/18**

**Sponsors:** Naughton

**Attachments:** [32883 Detroit Water and Sewer-0618-AU 260 Ltr-Final](#)  
[32883 Detroit Water and Sewer-0618-Audit-Final](#)  
[FY2018 Year End Review Financial Report](#)

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

[19-0024](#)

#### Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Gabon

**Attachments:** [Communication-Carol Calhoun Reponse](#)  
[Communication-Jerry Pattah Response](#)  
[Communication-MDEQ](#)

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

#### 7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There was none.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

[19-0008](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. 6001658 "Assistance with automatic meter reader equipment installation and related work (PC-803B)" with Lakeshore Global Corporation, not to exceed \$1,884,998.00 for a duration of three (3) years**, authorizing the Director to take such action necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Naughton

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[19-0012](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. 6001801 for preventative and corrective maintenance services, parts, and repairs for pedestrian doors with Secure Door, LLC, not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a**

**period of one year** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Naughton

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

**19-0015**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to enter into **Contract # 6001784 with Tri-County International Truck Inc., to furnish parts and repair services for DWSD maintained International Trucks for a period of two-years, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00** and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Naughton

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

**19-0022**

The Board of Water Commissioners **authorizes the Director to approve the "Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies" form to facilitate the acquisition of DWSD's 2019 MDOT Annual Permit**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Mobley

**Attachments:** [DWSD 2019 MDOT Permit Resolution](#)

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

**19-0023**

The Board of Water Commissioners **authorizes the Director to approve the accompanying Wayne County Department of Public Services (WCDPS) "Model Community Resolution Authorizing Execution of Wayne County Permits"** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Mobley

**Attachments:** [WCRC ROW Permit 2019 Resolution Form](#)

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

**19-0026**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **authorizes the Director to enter into Settlement Agreement**

between DWSD and Jason Miller regarding a Family Medical Leave Act claim filed by Mr. Miller against DWSD. The Agreement is intended to settle all claims alleged by Plaintiff in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Case Number 17-cv-10122, entitled *Jason Miller v. City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and Great Lakes Water Authority* and Wayne County Circuit Court Case Number 18-009880-CD, entitled *Jason Miller v. City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and Great Lakes Water Authority* AND 2) also authorize the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Pospiech and Portis

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Case Settlement, Other be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[19-0027](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department resolution requesting a forensic investigation of the 42-inch water main break that occurred in the City of Detroit on January 12, 2019, by an engineering firm not currently on the qualified vendor list or contracted by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department or Great Lakes Water Authority, and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

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

#### 10. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

[19-0025](#)

Director's Metrics

**Sponsors:** Brown

**Attachments:** [Board Report - Metrics - 01162019](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

[19-0047](#)

Water Equity and Security in Detroit's Water and Sewer District

**Attachments:** [Detroit Water Equity Full Report Jan 9 2019 2](#)  
[GLWA Statement on Haas Institute Water Affordability Report](#)

#### 11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Garcia asked what percentage of WRAP assist the Detroit citizens.  
Director Brown replied that approximately 10,000 residents receive WRAP assistance.

**12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

**There was none.**

**13. OTHER MATTERS**

Ms. Vanessa Peake submitted her concerns in writing. Chairman Einheuser stated that the department would address the concerns in writing.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Commissioner 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 was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.**