



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

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Tuesday, June 28, 2022

10:00 AM

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BOWC Special Meeting No. 19 and Continuation of May 18, 2022 Public Hearing on Rates

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chairperson Michael Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon,
Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner John Henry Davis and
Commissioner Jane Garcia

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lane Coleman

The Chair called for recess at 10:05 a.m.

The Chair returned from recess at 10:06 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of May 4, Special Meeting
No. 18.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Vice

Chairperson Mary Blackmon that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. CONTINUATION OF MAY 18, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING - RATES

Chairman Einheuser opened the Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m.

A. [22-0857](#) Rate Structure Analysis and Proposed FY 2023 Rates

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [Rate Structure and Proposed FY 2023 Rates Presentation](#)

Presenter: Andrew Burnham, Vice President of Stantec

Commissioner Garcia asked if the lifeline monitoring require staff. Director Brown reply no.

Commissioner Forte stated this plan will provide sustainability for the community. She asked how will arrears be funded? Director Brown replied that the LIWHOP funds will be used for arrears and shutoffs. There are also other funding sources that have regulations (LIWHOP, Cera, Cerra, GLWA, MIHOP)

Commissioner Blackmon commended Director Brown and the team for collaborating with the community partners in this effort.

6. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON RATES

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:31 a.m.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. [22-0858](#) Presentation of Lifeline Plan - DWSD Affordability Plan

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [DWSD Lifeline Plan - June 2022 FINAL](#)

11 PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

[22-0900](#) Public Comment of June 28, 2022

Attachments: [22-0900 Public Comment](#)

12. NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED

- A. [22-0859](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners **approves the proposed schedule of Detroit Retail Water and Sewerage charges consistent with the FY 2022-2023 revenue requirement and water and sewer system budgets approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on March 16, 2022** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Rahman and Rice

Attachments: [FY22 Rates Schedule](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Rates, Charges and Fees be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [22-0860](#)** **Approval of City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's pilot Lifeline Plan for Water Affordability.**

Sponsors: Brown

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.

13. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There were none.

14. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kinloch said this is a pilot. It is just a start.

Commissioner Forte echoed Commissioner Kinloch statement.

Commissioner Blackmon said that the BOWC has the responsibility to amend. Our goal is to help our low-income families. We also have our own internal mechanism to help customers with water assistance.

Commissioner Davis said that we cannot allow the perfect to be the enemy of the very good.

15. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

16. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

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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.