



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Detroit, Michigan 48226
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

2:00 PM

Water Board Building - 5th Floor Board Room
(Subject to Capacity)

and

Zoom:

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Board of Directors Meeting

and

Public Hearings:

FY 2023 & FY 2024 Biennial Budget Request

FY 2023 Water and Sewerage Service Charges

Meeting and Public Hearings will be held in the 5th Floor Board Room

Water Board Building

(Subject to Capacity)

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Quadrozzi called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Jaye Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Freman Hendrix, Secretary Brian Baker, Director Gary Brown, Director Beverly Walker-Griffea, and Director John J. Zech

3. Consent Matters

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, stated that the Legal Committee met today, and the Committee is requesting that New Business items 10E. (2022-073) and 10F. (2022-075) be moved to item 3. Consent Matters, which would be items 3C. ix. and x.

A. Approval of Minutes (Item for Consent)

i. [2022-057](#) **January 26, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.Draft**

Sponsors: Rechanda Willis

Attachments: [January 26, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Communications (Item for Consent)

i. [2022-055](#) **Receipt of Correspondence**

Attachments: [\(WATER &\) MariCindy Darrah.Public Comment. \(WATER &\) Marihuana](#)
[Cindy Darrah Public Comment.Fwd_Delivery Status Notification \(Failure\)](#)

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. New Business (Items for Consent)

i. [2022-042](#) **Contract No. 2101255
Belle Isle Seawall Rehabilitation
CIP #116005 / BCE Score: 63.4**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2101255 Procurement Board Report](#)
[2101255.Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ii. [2022-043](#) **Contract No. 2102000
Emergency and Urgent Sewer Evaluation, Repair and Rehabilitation
CIP #260209 / BCE Score: 61.3**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter and Todd King

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2102000 Procurement Board Report-RFP](#)
[2102000 Cost Tabulation.rev](#)
[2102000 Vendor Response](#)

**Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

iii. [2022-044](#) **Contract No. 2100575
CSO Facility Emergency Generator Improvements**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [2100575.Procurement Board Report-RFB](#)
[2100575.Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)

**Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

iv. [2022-045](#) **Contract No. 2002915
Redesign of Circular Scum System and
Scum Concentration Facility**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [2002915.ProcurementBoardReport](#)
[2002915.CostTabulation](#)

**Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- v. [2022-046](#) **Contract No. 2100330
2022 Job Order Contract**
- Sponsors:** Navid Mehram
- Indexes:** Wastewater Operations
- Attachments:** [2100330.Procurement Board Report-RFP](#)
- Motion By:** Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- vi. [2022-047](#) **Contract No. 2101766A
Hauling and Disposal of Ash**
- Sponsors:** Navid Mehram
- Indexes:** Wastewater Operations
- Attachments:** [2101766A.Procurement Board Report-RFB](#)
[2101766A.Cost Tabulation](#)
[2101766A.Vendor Response Follow-up](#)
- Motion By:** Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- vii. [2022-041](#) **Contract No. 2000274-1
Enterprise Resource Planning System Implementation Services;
and
Contract No. 2000274-2
Enterprise Resource Planning System Subscription Services**
- Sponsors:** Jeffrey Small
- Indexes:** Information Technology
- Attachments:** [FSA PRO FOR 0039 Procurement Board Report-RFP \(1\) \(003\)](#)
[FSA PRO FOR 0033 Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents \(1\).docx](#)
- Motion By:** Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

viii. [2022-069](#) **U.S. Bank Successor Trustee**

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [2.0 US Bank Notification Letter](#)
[3.0 GLWA Successor Trustee Disclosure Posting_water](#)
[4.0 GLWA Successor Trustee Disclosure Posting_sewer](#)

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ix. [2022-073](#) **Purchase of 687 Navahoe, Detroit, MI**

Sponsors: Randal Brown

Indexes: General Counsel

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

x. [2022-075](#) **Good Faith Offer to the Woodmere Cemetery Owner Re: Triple Barrel Baby Creek Enclosure Sewer**

Sponsors: Randal Brown

Indexes: General Counsel

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended.

Motion By: Freman Hendrix
Support By: John J. Zech
Action: Approved as Amended
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Consent Matters (Items 3Ai., 3Bi., and 3C. i. - x.)

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Matters.

A motion was made by Director Walker-Griffea, seconded by Secretary Baker, to approve the Consent Matters. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Honorable Joe Jackson, Councilman - City of Melvindale, addressed the Board regarding the proposed water rate increase for the City of Melvindale and stated that Melvindale is a low-income city, and cannot sustain the proposed charges and asked if there was any way possible to come to some type of agreement.

Muaad, a Melvindale resident, addressed the Board regarding rate increases for Melvindale residents, which he says the residents cannot afford to pay.

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, read public comments submitted by Damon L. Garret, Director - City of Highland Park Water Department, and Cheryl Ann Hughes, which are attached under item 7A. Communications.

7. Communications

A. [2022-056](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [1-26-2022 City of Highland Park Water and Sewer Service to GLWA Public Comment.Cheryl Ann Hughes](#)

8. Old Business

None

9. Public Hearings

A. [2022-067](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed Biennial Budget for the Two-Year Period ended June 30, 2024 (FY 2023 and FY 2024)

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Biennial Budget](#)
[Review of Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Biennial Budget and Charges](#)

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to open the public hearings regarding the Proposed Biennial Budget for the Two-Year Period ended June 30, 2024 (FY 2023 and FY 2024), and the Proposed FY 2023 Water and Sewerage Service Charges.

Motion By: Gary Brown

Support By: John J. Zech

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2022-068](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2023 Water and Sewerage Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed FY 2023 Charges](#)
[Review of Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Biennial Budget and Charges](#)
[Highland Park.2-7-2022 GLWA FY 2023 WS Rebuttal](#)
[2-09-2022 GLWA Response to HP 1.26.22 Letter and Invoices](#)
[Joseph Montross.Water Rate Increase Roseville Michigan Meeting](#)
[Rodgers.February 23, 2022 Public Hearing on service charges FY 2023](#)
[SCCRC.DPW Feb 23, 2022 Public Hearing on service charges FY 2022](#)
[SCCRC.DPW Feb 23, 2022 Public Hearing on service charges FY 2022](#)
[Delilah Haddox.Melvindale water bills](#)

Motion By: Gary Brown

Support By: John J. Zech

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Public Hearings were opened at 2:17 p.m., with an overview of the Proposed FY 2023 and FY 2024 Biennial Budget and the Proposed FY 2023 Water and Sewerage Service Charges by Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, followed by a presentation of the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan, by Dima El-Gamal, Capital Improvement Program Director.

Following presentations of the budget, charges and CIP, Nicolette Bateson, CFO/Treasurer, presented Resolution 2022-071, Resolution Adopting the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Biennial Budget and Resolution 2022-072, Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2023 Schedule of Service Charges; and Jody Caldwell, Interim Chief Planning Officer, presented Resolution 2022-061, Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2023 through FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

Following presentation of the resolutions regarding the budget, charges, and CIP, Chairperson Quadrozzi asked if there were any members of the public in the Board Room that would like to make comments regarding the budget, charges, and/or CIP.

-A resident of the City of Melvindale came before the Board regarding water and sewerage charges and asked if an explanation of the reason for Melvindale charges could be given to the public, to which Suzanne R. Coffey, Interim Chief Executive Officer, explained.

Chairperson Quadrozzi asked if there were any other members of the public in the room that would like to make comments regarding the budget, charges, and/or CIP.

There being no additional members of the public in the Board Room that would like to make comments, Chairperson Quadrozzi asked if there were any members of the public participating in the public hearings remotely (zoom telephonic) that would like to make comments regarding the budget, charges, and/or CIP.

- Laurel Smith, a Melvindale resident, addressed the Board regarding Melvindale water rates, which she says are non-affordable to the residents that live in Melvindale.

- Demeeko Williams, Chief Director of Hydrate Detroit, a 501(c)3 water rights organization, addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget, charges, and WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program).

- Kathy S., a Melvindale resident, addressed the Board regarding water rate increase, which she states the residents of Melvindale cannot afford.

- Honorable Joe Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Melvindale, addressed the Board regarding the high water bills in the community of Melvindale and asked if there is any way possible to give the residents a break on the proposed charges.

- Salim, a Melvindale resident, addressed the Board regarding the high water bills in Melvindale and asked to please give Melvindale a break and a solution to help the residents of Melvindale get out of this struggle.

Noted from item 5. Public Comments:

Honorable Joe Jackson, Councilman - City of Melvindale, addressed the Board regarding the proposed water rate increase for the City of Melvindale and stated that Melvindale is a low-income city, and cannot sustain the proposed charges and asked if there was any way possible to come to some type of agreement.

Chairperson Quadrozzi asked if there were any other members of the public that would like to make comments regarding the budget, charges, and/or CIP.

There being no additional comments, Chairperson Quadrozzi adjourned the public hearings at 3:08 p.m. to the call of the Chair, or the adoption of the budget, charges, and CIP.

10. New Business (Items for Discussion)

A. [2022-071](#) Resolution Adopting the FY 2023 & FY 2024 Biennial Budget

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [B2 2022-021 Resolution.Legistar-Budget with support](#)
[B3 Board Presentation Executive Summary 022322](#)
[B4 Proposed Budget One pager 2.23.2022](#)
[B5 Bad Debt Expense One Pager 1.19.2022](#)
[B6 FY 2023 Charges One Pager Proposed 2.23.2022](#)

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote regarding Adoption of the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Biennial Budget.

Motion By: Brian Baker

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Adopted

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Baker, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

B. [2022-072](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2023 Schedule of Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [C2 2022-022 Resolution.Legistar-Charges](#)
[C3 FY 2023 Water Charge Schedule 2.23.2022](#)
[C4 FY 2023 Sewage Charge Schedule 2.23.2022](#)
[C5 FY 2023 Industrial Charge Schedule 2.23.2022](#)

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote regarding Approval of the FY 2023 Schedule of Service Charges.

Motion By: John J. Zech

Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Baker, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

C. [2022-061](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2023 through FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Sponsors: Jody Caldwell

Indexes: Planning Services

Attachments: [2022 CIP Resolution](#)
[CIP FY 23-27 Presentation final](#)
[GLWA 2023-2027 CIP Document Final](#)
[Appendix A BCE Reports Water](#)
[Appendix B BCE Reports Wastewater](#)
[Appendix C BCE Reports Centralized Svc](#)
[Appendix D How to Navigate](#)
[Appendix E Validation Report](#)
[Appendix F Equation Tech Memo](#)

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested and Motion and Roll Call Vote regarding Approval of the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion By: John J. Zech
Support By: Freman Hendrix
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Biennial Budget for the Two-Year Period ended June 30, 2024 (FY 2023 and FY 2024), and the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2023 Water and Sewerage Service Charges.

Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Support By: John J. Zech
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Note: With the Board's unanimous approval of the budget, charges and CIP, the public hearings were closed at 3:21 p.m.

D. [2022-070](#) Corrosion Control Optimization Study

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2022.2 Corrosion Control Optimization Study - Board Update Final](#)

Motion By: Gary Brown
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

11. Reports

None

12. Remarks

A. Chairperson's Remarks

There were no Chairperson's remarks.

B. Board Members' Remarks

Director Brown gave remarks regarding assistance programs that are available to residents in need of help, and encouraged residents to apply for the various assistance programs, and also encouraged residents that may have applied to the WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program) and were denied in the past, to re-apply.

Director Zech gave remarks regarding the City of Detroit moving forward with an aggressive program in 11 areas of Detroit, which are going to be assisted over the next couple of years with the installation of backflow preventers, and also gave remarks regarding the Highland Park matter.

Director Baker asked if Randal Brown, General Counsel, could provide a public update regarding the CEO search, and an update on the investigation into the rain events, to which Randal Brown provided the requested updates.

13. CEO's Report

A. [2022-066](#) Interim CEO Report - February 23, 2022

Sponsors: Suzanne Coffey

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [ICEO Report - February 23, 2022 and General Counsel Report](#)

Motion By: Freman Hendrix

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

14. Other Matters

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, reminded the public that there is no anticipated action, other than adjournment, following today's Closed Sessions.

15. Closed Session

A. [2022-074](#) Closed Session Request - Attorney Client Communications

Sponsors: Randal Brown

Indexes: General Counsel

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session regarding Attorney-Client Communications.

Motion By: Freman Hendrix

Support By: John J. Zech

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Baker, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

B. [2022-076](#) Closed Session - Labor Negotiation Strategy

Sponsors: Randal Brown and William Wolfson

Indexes: Organizational Development

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session regarding Labor Negotiation Strategy.

Motion By: Brian Baker

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Baker, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

Entered Closed Session at 4:09 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

The only matters discussed were attorney-client communications and labor negotiation strategy.

16. Adjournment

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Freman Hendrix

Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.