



# Great Lakes Water Authority

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Directors

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Wednesday, January 28, 2026

2:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor  
and  
Zoom Telephonic

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#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://glwater.zoom.us/j/89505721334?pwd=uz0kxbyfoYUDAIcdNnk0q1mQeEbon.1>

#### Join by Telephone

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Meeting ID: 895 0572 1334 Passcode: 400134

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Quorum Call

**Present:** 5 - Vice-Chairperson Jaye Quadrozzi, Secretary Freman Hendrix, Director Brian Baker, Director Gary Brown, and Director Mark Miller

**Excused:** 1 - Chairperson John J. Zech

### 3. Consent Matters

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Interim General Counsel, stated that the Legal Committee has requested to move New Business items 8. G-H to 3C. Consent Matters, where they would then become items 3C. x. - xi.

Mr. Wolfson also requested that item 8A., which is a presentation by the Honorable Sean Cox, be taken prior to public comment and after approval of the agenda and consent items.

There being no objections by the Board, the requested items were moved to 3C. Consent Matters, and item 8A. will be presented prior to item 6. Public Comment.

#### A. Approval of Minutes (Item for Consent)

i. [2026-018](#) **December 10, 2025 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Sponsors:** Rechanda Willis

**Attachments:** [Minutes - December 10, 2025 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting](#)

**Motion By:** Brian Baker  
**Support By:** Gary Brown  
**Action:** Approved  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**B. Communications (Item for Consent)**

i. [2026-017](#) **Receipt of Correspondence**

**Attachments:** [memorandum - 20260109 - TOES T2-42 Time and Cost Extension Public Comment for the January 2026 GLWA Board Meeting Request for Correction and Compensation of Reduced 401\(a\) Employer Contributions Under 12-Hour Shift Schedule City of Ferndale Opposition to Proposed FY 2027 GLWA Water and Sewer Rate Increases](#)

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

ii. [2026-028](#) **Report on Key Performance Indicators and Effective Utility Management (EUM) Metrics - January 28, 2026**

**Sponsors:** Suzanne Coffey and William Wolfson

**Indexes:** Office of the Executive

**Attachments:** [EUM Key Metrics Dashboard\\_260128\\_FINAL](#)

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

**C. New Business (Items for Consent)**

- i. [2026-004](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**  
**Contract No. 2004674/SCN-0000441**  
**Engineering, Design, and Construction Assistance Services for**  
**North Service Center Pump Station Improvements**  
**CIP #132016 / BCE Score: 98.70**

**Sponsors:** Cheryl Porter

**Indexes:** Water Operations

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- ii. [2026-005](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0007112**  
**Water Testing Supplies**  
**O&M**

**Sponsors:** Cheryl Porter

**Indexes:** Water Operations

**Attachments:** [REQ-0007112 Procurement Board Report](#)  
[REQ-0007112 Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- iii. [2026-006](#) **REQ-0007619**  
**Imlay Pump Station VFD Improvements**  
**CIP #132021 / BCE Score: 59.40**

**Sponsors:** Cheryl Porter

**Indexes:** Water Operations

**Attachments:** [REQ-0007619 - Procurement Board Report](#)

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- iv. [2025-425](#)      **Requisition No. REQ-0004588  
CSO Outfall Rehabilitation Phase VI  
CIP# 260510/BCE Score: 73.8**

**Sponsors:** Navid Mehram

**Indexes:** Wastewater Operations

**Attachments:** [REQ-0004988.Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)  
[Req-0004588.ProcurementBoardReport](#)

**Motion By: Brian Baker  
Support By: Gary Brown  
Action: Approved  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- v. [2025-426](#)      **Proposed Change Order No. 7  
Contract No. GLWA-CS-060/SCN-0000212  
Study/Design of the Upgraded Sludge Conveyance System and  
Lighting Improvements at the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant  
CIP #213007/BCE Score: 96.20**

**Sponsors:** Navid Mehram

**Indexes:** Wastewater Operations

**Motion By: Brian Baker  
Support By: Gary Brown  
Action: Approved  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- vi. [2025-427](#)      **Proposed Change No. 7  
Contract No. GLWA-CON-197/SCN-0000097  
Construction Agreement for the Modifications to Incinerator Sludge  
Feed Systems in Complex II WRRF  
CIP #213007/BCE: 96.20**

**Sponsors:** Navid Mehram

**Indexes:** Wastewater Operations

**Motion By: Brian Baker  
Support By: Gary Brown  
Action: Approved  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- vii. [2025-428](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 2**  
**Contract No. 2102859/SCN-0000321**  
**Conveyance System Infrastructure Improvements**  
**CIP #260701 / BCE Score: 60.10**

**Sponsors:** Navid Mehram

**Indexes:** Wastewater Operations

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- viii. [2025-429](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 2**  
**Contract No. 2100239/SCN-0000417**  
**WRRF Structural Evaluation and Repairs**  
**CIP #216011/BCE Score: 64.40**

**Sponsors:** Navid Mehram

**Indexes:** Wastewater Operations

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- ix. [2025-414](#) **FY 2026 First Quarter Budget Amendments through September 30, 2025 and Proposed Budget Resolution**

**Sponsors:** Nicolette Bateson

**Indexes:** Finance

**Attachments:** [7C0 FY 2026 1st Quarter Budget Amendment Report](#)  
[7C2 FY 2026 1st Quarter Budget Amendment Report](#)  
[7C3 FY 2026 1st Quarter Budget Amendment Resolution](#)

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Adopted**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

x. [2026-011](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Legal Services Contract LS-2000388  
(The Allen Law Group, P.C.)**

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson

**Indexes:** General Counsel

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

xi. [2026-012](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3 to Legal Services Contract LS-2101689  
(Dykema Gossett, PLLC)**

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson

**Indexes:** General Counsel

**Motion By: Brian Baker**  
**Support By: Gary Brown**  
**Action: Approved**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

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

**Motion By: Mark Miller**  
**Support By: Freman Hendrix**  
**Action: Approved as Amended**  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Matters.

A motion was made by Director Baker, seconded by Director Brown, to approve the Consent Matters. The motion carried unanimously.

8A. [2026-027](#) **Remarks from the Honorable Sean Cox on the 10th Anniversary of  
GLWA's operation of the regional water and sewer system**

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson

**Indexes:** Board of Directors; Office of the Executive

Following remarks by the Honorable Sean Cox, who swore in the first members of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board of Directors (December 12, 2014), Judge Cox administered a swearing in ceremony of current members of the GLWA Board of Directors present for today's meeting.

**6. Public Comment**

Rosalyn Walker, resident of Detroit, came before the Board regarding City of Detroit's Lifeline Program, which she says there is no more Lifeline Program.

Alvin McIntyre, city of Detroit resident, came before the Board regarding rate increases, which he says are steady going up.

Sylvia Orduno, community organizer with Michigan Welfare Rights Organization and Director of Peoples Water Board Coalition, came before the Board in opposition of the proposed rate increases.

Rondi Brower addressed the Board regarding rate increases and to request support of statewide water affordability.

Valerie Jean Blakely addressed the Board regarding control of the water system, Lifeline Program, and rate increases.

Anthea Mitchell addressed the Board regarding water rate increases.

Megan Douglass addressed the Board regarding rate increases and water affordability.

Cecily McClellan, We the People of Detroit, addressed the Board regarding rate increases, water affordability assistance, lease agreement, and support of HB 4555 and 5170-5173

Gwendolyn Mitchell, addressed the Board regarding rate increases, water affordability assistance programs, and request support of HB 5071-5073

Norrel Hemphill, Legal and Public Policy Manager at We the People of Detroit, addressed the Board regarding water affordability, rate increases, and assistance programs.

Jordi, resident of Detroit, addressed the Board regarding water rate increases.

Following public comments, Director Brown addressed comments made regarding the Lifeline Plan and the availability of water affordability assistance programs.

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business (Items for Discussion)**

**B. [2025-383](#) Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Water Supply System Revenue Bonds**

**Sponsors:** Nicolette Bateson

**Indexes:** Finance

**Attachments:** [7E1 Notice of Intent to Issue Water Supply Revenue Bonds](#)  
[7E3 Resolution Regarding Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds Water 2025](#)

**Motion By:** Freman Hendrix

**Support By:** Mark Miller

**Action:** Approved

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi, Secretary Hendrix, Director Baker, Director Brown, and Director Miller

**Excused:** 1 - Chairperson Zech

**C. [2025-384](#) Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds**

**Sponsors:** Nicolette Bateson

**Indexes:** Finance

**Attachments:** [7D1 Notice of Intent to Issue Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds](#)  
[7D3 Resolution Regarding Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds Sewer 2025](#)

**Motion By:** Mark Miller

**Support By:** Brian Baker

**Action:** Approved

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi, Secretary Hendrix, Director Baker, Director Brown, and Director Miller

**Excused:** 1 - Chairperson Zech

D. [2026-022](#) **Presentation: Proposed FY 2027 and FY 2028 Biennial Budget Request**

**Sponsors:** Nicolette Bateson

**Indexes:** Finance

**Attachments:** [2.0 Proposed FY 2027 - FY 2028 Budget Board Presentation](#)  
[3.0 Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA Proposed Biennial Budget](#)

**Motion By:** Freman Hendrix

**Support By:** Mark Miller

**Action:** Received, Filed, and Referred back to the Audit Committee  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. [2026-023](#) **Presentation: Proposed FY 2027 Schedule of Service Charges**

**Sponsors:** Nicolette Bateson

**Indexes:** Finance

**Attachments:** [2.0 FY 2027 Proposed Charges Board Presentation 1.28.2026](#)  
[3.0 Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA FY 2027 Water and Sewage Disposal Service Charges](#)  
[Proposed FY 2027 Schedule of Charges Binder](#)

**Motion By:** Freman Hendrix

**Support By:** Mark Miller

**Action:** Received, Filed, and Referred back to the Audit Committee  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Note: 8. New Business (Items for Discussion) will continue after 13A. Closed Session**

F. [2026-010](#) **Proposed FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan**

**Sponsors:** Jody Caldwell and Dima El-Gamal

**Attachments:** [Board Presentation FY 27-31 Final](#)  
[FY 2027-2031 CIP Resolution](#)  
[Proposed Capital Improvement Plan FY 27-31](#)  
[Appendix A Water Business Case Evaluation](#)  
[Appendix B Wastewater Business Case Evaluation](#)  
[Appendix C System Background Information](#)  
[Appendix D Scoring Equation Tech Memo](#)  
[Appendix E How to Navigate the CIP](#)

**Motion By:** Mark Miller

**Support By:** Gary Brown

**Action:** Received, Filed, and Postponed to February 25, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

## 9. Reports

None

## 10. Remarks

### A. Chairperson's Remarks

There were no Chairperson's remarks.

### B. Board Members' Remarks

There were no Board Members' remarks.

## 11. CEO's Report

### A. [2026-026](#) CEO Report - January 28, 2026

**Sponsors:** Suzanne Coffey

**Indexes:** Office of the Executive

**Attachments:** [CEO Report - January 28, 2026 and Attachment](#)

**Motion By:** Brian Baker

**Support By:** Freman Hendrix

**Action:** Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 12. Other Matters

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Interim General Counsel, advised members of the public that new business will continue after 13A. Closed Session, and that the Board may take action following closed session.

## 13. Closed Session

### A. [2026-024](#) Closed Session Request - Attorney-Client Communication(s)

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson

**Indexes:** General Counsel

Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter Closed Session at 3:54 p.m.

**Motion By:** Gary Brown

**Support By:** Brian Baker

**Action:** Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi, Secretary Hendrix, Director Baker, Director Brown, and Director Miller

**Excused:** 1 - Chairperson Zech

Entered Closed Session at 3:58 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 4:09 p.m.

The only matter discussed was an attorney-client communication.

## 8. New Business (Items for Discussion) Continued

### G. [2026-025](#) Approval of Outline of Terms for resolution of Dearborn matters

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson

**Indexes:** General Counsel

**Attachments:** [Dearborn GLWA poposed term sheet12.23](#)

**Motion By:** Gary Brown

**Support By:** Mark Miller

**Action:** Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 14. Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Adjourn.

**Motion By:** Brian Baker

**Support By:** Mark Miller

**Action:** Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.