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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

2:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor
and
Zoom

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**Board of Directors Meeting
and
Public Hearings Regarding:
Proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget
and
Proposed FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

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

Note: Director Hendrix excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 4:47 p.m. during item 7. Public Hearings.

3. Consent Matters

A. Approval of Minutes (Item for Consent)

I. [2025-049](#) January 22, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Sponsors: Rechanda Willis

Attachments: [Minutes - January 22, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.pdf](#)

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

B. Communications (Item for Consent)**i. [2025-048](#) Receipt of Correspondence**

No Action Taken

C. New Business (Items for Consent)**i. [2025-043](#) Proposed Amendment No. 4
GLWA-DB-150/SCN-000229
Design-Build/Repair for Portions of the Pennsylvania, Springwells
and Northeast Raw Water Tunnels
CIP #116002/BCE Score: 94.3**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

**ii. [2025-044](#) Requisition Nos: REQ-0002544, REQ-0002546, REQ-0002551,
REQ-0002552,
REQ-0002556, REQ-0002557, REQ-0002615
Liquid Chlorine - 1-Ton Containers
O&M**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [Procurement Board Report - REQ-0002544 2546 2551 2552 2556
2557 2615.docx](#)
[Chemical Board Communication Updated-Chemical Vendor Issues
02-03-2025.docx](#)

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

- iii. [2025-050](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0003009**
Springwells Water Treatment Plant Header Pipe Repairs
CIP #114002 / BCE Score: 90.9

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [REQ-0003009 ProcurementBoardReport](#)

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

- iv. [2025-036](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**
Contract No. 2203675/SCN-0000228
Conversion of Plumbing Shop to Satellite Warehouse Building 101
CIP #260905/ BCE Score: N/A

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- v. [2025-037](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 4**
Contract No. PC-795 (SCN-0000480)
Pumping Station No. 2 Pumping Improvements
CIP #211002 / BCE Score: N/A

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- vi. [2025-038](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1
Contract No. 2302932/(SCN-000231)
Emergency Incineration Complex II Conveyor System Fire
Protection Implementations
I&E**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- vii. [2025-039](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0002030
Removal of Lime Stabilized Dewatered Sludge
O&M**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [REQ-0002030.Procurement Board Report \(updated\)](#)

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

- viii. [2025-040](#) **Requisition: REQ-0002580
Liquid Chlorine - Rail Cars
O&M**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [Procurement Board Report - REQ-0002580.docx](#)
[Chemical Board Communication Updated-Chemical Vendor Issues
02-03-2025.docx](#)

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

ix. [2025-046](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0001827
Rehab of Secondary Clarifiers
CIP# 261001 / BCE Score: 72.0**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [Req-0001827.ProcurementBoardReport](#)
[Req-0001827.CostTabulation](#)

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Director Baker made a motion, supported by Director Hendrix to move items 9. E. (2025-019 Resolution Adopting the FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget), 9. F. (2025-020 Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2026 Schedule of Service Charges) and 9. G. (2025-008 Resolution Regarding Approval of the FY 2026 through FY 2030 Capital Improvement Plan) to the beginning of item 9. New Business (Items for Discussion). The motion carried unanimously.

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, requested to postpone item 9. A. (2025-061 Presentation: Total Organic Carbon (TOC)).

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

Motion By: Freman Hendrix
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved as Amended
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Chairperson Miller requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Matters.

A motion was made by Secretary Quadrozzi, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Zech, to approve the Consent Matters. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Public comments relating to the Proposed FY 2026 and FY 2027 Biennial Budget, and Proposed FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges were moved under item 7. Public Hearings.

7. Public Hearings

A. [2025-058](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [7C3 Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA Proposed Biennial Budget.pdf](#)
[Detroit Legal News Publication Notice - Budget.pdf](#)
[Summary-of-FY-2026-FY-2027-Biennial-Budget-and-FY-2026-Schedule-of-Charges-1.27.25.pdf](#)

B. [2025-059](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [7D3 Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA FY 2026 Charges.pdf](#)

[Detroit News Publication Notice - Charges.pdf](#)

[City of Highland Park 2-25-2025 GLWA FY26 FY27 Biennial Budget Charges.pdf](#)

[February 26 2025 Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2026 and FY 2027 Biennial Budget.msg](#)

[February 26, 2025 Public Hearing Public Comment Cards.pdf](#)

[Water rate hike.msg William Wright Comments.msg](#)

The following members of the public addressed the Board, via Zoom, in opposition of the Proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request and/or Proposed FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges increase under item 6. Public Comment, which were moved to item 7. Public Hearings:

Lisa Chan, Highland Park resident; Lydia Chennard, southwest Detroit resident; Theresa Landrum, southwest Detroit resident; William Davis, northwest Detroit resident; Rochelle Stewart, Detroit resident; Tommy Airey, a resident of the Woodbridge neighborhood; Nayyirah Shariff, Flint resident; Cecily McClellan, Detroit resident; Mark Ashley Price, Highland Park resident; Andy Goodeeris, a Detroit resident, and on behalf of Congresswoman Tlaib's office; Kaitlyn Popalaris, resident of Detroit, community educator with We the People of Detroit, and teacher educator at Oakland University; Mary Ann Santana; Natalie Rivera, southwest Detroit resident; Emma Mullens, Southwest Detroit resident; Honorable Glenda McDonald, Mayor - City of Highland Park; Zynita Smith; Tahira Ahmad; Megan (iPhone), Detroit resident; Lisa Rodriguez; Elizabeth Taylor, Flint resident; Ross Shaw, Detroit resident; Diane Grosse, Livonia resident; Crystal Bailey, Oak Park resident; Yvonne Jones, Detroit resident; Lottie, Clarkston resident; Mich, Detroit resident; Tawana Petty; Julia Sosin, Hamtramck resident; Raymond Brice, Dearborn Heights resident; Sarah Rah, Detroit resident; Rev. Charlene Turner Johnson; Gwendolyn Howard; Latanya Bell, Auburn Hills resident; Maya, Oakland County resident; Dr. Germaine Pensil; Pixel 9 Prop; Bianca Winward, Detroit resident; Nicole Hill; G D Weiss, Detroit resident; Honorable Mike McDermott, City Council President - City of Westland; and Lori's iPhone.

Chairperson Miller called a short recess at 3:36 p.m.

Chairperson Miller called the meeting back to order at 3:43 p.m. with the opening of the Public Hearings, followed with an overview of the Proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request and Proposed FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges by Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

Following the proposed budget and charges overview, Chairperson Miller asked if there were any members of the public present in the Board Room that would like to make comments regarding the proposed budget and/or charges.

The following members of the public came before the Board in opposition of the proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request and/or FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges:

Monica Lewis Patrick, President and CEO of We the People of Detroit and also serves on the Water Quality Board for the IJC; Demeeko Williams, Executive Chief Director of Hydro Detroit; Jamil; Norrel Hemphill, We the People of Detroit; Maria Mara Matta, public health official; Debra Taylor, We the People of Detroit; Joshua LaMere, City of Trees; Chantel Watkins; Cynthia Johnson, former State Representative; Russ Bellant, former water plant operator; Rondi Brower, Peoples Water Board Coalition; Rickie Holt, Detroit resident and retired DWSD employee; and Joanna Underwood, Detroit resident.

Chairperson Miller asked if there were any additional members of the public present in the Board Room that would like to make comments.

There being none, Chairperson Miller asked if there were any members of the public via Zoom that would like to make comments regarding the proposed budget and/or charges.

The following members of the public addressed the Board in opposition of the proposed FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget Request and/or FY 2026 Water and Sewerage Service Charges:

William M. Davis, retired DWSD employee; Rumi; Georgia Crawford Campbell, Detroit resident; Laura Sullivan, Flint resident; Jerin Sage, Flint resident; Honorable Gus Calandrino, Mayor - City of Utica; Carroll Kinkade, Flint resident; Rochelle Stewart; Ruby; Eden Bloom, We the People of Detroit; Tiana Starks, Director of Communications - We the People of Detroit; Valerie Jean; John T. Feret; Cindy Darrah; Kimberly Barrett, Wayne County resident, We the People of Detroit; Claudia Perkins, Flint resident; Yesme; Lucy Frye, Highland Park resident; Joshelle Shelby, Oakland County resident; Justin Mason, Macomb County resident; and Karla Oliver, Highland Park resident;

Following public comments, William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, read into the record a letter submitted by the City of Highland Park, Damon L. Garrett, PE, which is attached.

Chairperson Miller stated that since there are no additional comments, the public hearings are closed for today, however, if the proposed biennial budget and charges are not approved today, the public hearings will remain open and members of the public may submit additional written comments regarding the proposed budget, charges, and/or Capital Improvement Plan while they remain under deliberation by this Board.

That being said, Chairperson Miller adjourned the public hearings at 5:12 p.m., followed by a short recess.

Chairperson Miller called the meeting back to order at 5:26 p.m.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business (Items for Discussion)**E. [2025-019](#) Resolution Adopting the FY 2026 & FY 2027 Biennial Budget**

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [6B3 Budget Resolution 5.9-4.5 with support.docx](#)
[6A2 Review and Updated of Proposed Budget and Charges 2.26.2025 full.pdf](#)

Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, offered a revised recommendation as it relates to the water system, which is to reduce the average system charge adjustment from the water system from 6.5 percent to 5.9 percent and submitted substitute resolutions with updated numbers relating to both items 2025-019 and 2025-020 for the Board's consideration.

Chairperson Miller requested a Motion to Adopt substitute Resolution 2025-019 as presented.

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Adopted
The motion carried by a 5/0 vote.

F. [2025-020](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2026 Schedule of Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [6C3 2025-020 Resolution.Legistar-Charges 2.26.2025 1310.docx](#)
[02.1 Adopted FY 2026 Water Charge Sheet Summary Version 2.26.2025 \(5.9\)](#)
[03.1 Adopted FY 2026 Schedule of SEWER Service Charges 2.24.2025 1900](#)
[04.1 Adopted FY 2026 Schedule of INDUSTRIAL Service Charges 2.242025 1900](#)
[Proposed FY 2026 Schedule of Charges Public Hearing 2.26.2025rpm.pdf](#)

Chairperson Miller requested a Motion to Approve substitute Resolution 2025-020 as presented.

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: John J. Zech
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a 5/0 vote.

G. [2025-008](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of the FY 2026 through FY 2030 Capital Improvement Plan

Sponsors: Jody Caldwell and Dima El-Gamal

Indexes: Planning Services

Attachments: [FY 2026-2030 CIP Resolution 2025-008.docx](#)
[Proposed Capital Improvement Plan FY 26-30](#)
[Appendix A Water Business Case Evaluation](#)
[Appendix B Wastewater Business Case Evaluation](#)
[Appendix C Centralized Services Business Case Evaluation](#)
[Appendix D System Background Information](#)
[Appendix E Scoring Equation Tech Memo](#)
[Appendix F How to Navigate the CIP](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: John J. Zech
Action: Adopted
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A. [2025-061](#) Presentation: Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [TOC Final Board Presentation 02-26-2025](#)

This Presentation was Postponed.

B. [2025-062](#) Resiliency Team Progress GLWA Board of Directors Update

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [25 02 Resiliency Board Update - February 2025.pdf](#)

This Presentation was Postponed.

C. [2025-031](#) Resolution Recognizing National Apprenticeship Day

Sponsors: William Wolfson and Jordie Kramer

Indexes: Administration & Compliance; Organizational Development

Attachments: [NAW Industry Proclamation Template-Final](#)

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

D. [2025-047](#) Scheduling of Public Hearing for the GLWA FY 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program Project Plan Submittals

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [7A1 AC Memo - Request to Schedule FY 2026 CWSRF Public Hearing.pdf](#)
[7A3 FY 2026 CWSRF Public Hearing Notice - GLWA.docx](#)

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

Note: Public Hearing regarding the GLWA FY 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program Project Plan Submittals for the Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements to the Sludge Feed Systems for Solids Processing; Hubbell Southfield Combined Sewer Overflow Facility Improvements; and CSO Facilities Improvements II has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

10. Reports

None

11. Remarks

A. Chairperson's Remarks

There were no Chairperson's remarks.

B. Board Members' Remarks

Vice-Chairperson Zech gave remarks regarding the 54-inch water main break and congratulated those that jumped in to help with the main break, and also requested to move the April 9, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Operations and Resources Committee Meeting to April 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

12. CEO's Report

A. [2025-064](#) CEO Report - February 26, 2025

Sponsors: Suzanne Coffey

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - February 26, 2025 with attachment.pdf](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: John J. Zech

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Other Matters

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, requested to postpone the Closed Session to the next Board of Directors Meeting.

There being no objections, item 14. A. 2025-063 Closed Session Request - Attorney-Client Communication(s) has been postponed to the March 26, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting.

14. Closed Session

A. [2025-063](#) Closed Session Request - Attorney-Client Communication(s)

Sponsors: William Wolfson and David W. Jones

Indexes: Administration & Compliance; General Counsel

This Resolution was Postponed.

15. Adjournment

Chairperson Miller requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Gary Brown

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.