



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor
and
Zoom Telephonic

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**Board of Directors Meeting and Public Hearings:
Proposed FY 2027 and FY 2028 Biennial Budget; and
Proposed FY 2027 Water and Sewerage Service Charges**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zech called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

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

3. Consent Matters

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Interim General Counsel, stated that the Legal Committee met today, and the Committee has requested to move New Business items 8D. and 8E. to 3C. Consent Matters, where they will then become items 3C. xi. and xii.

There being no objections by the Board, the requested items were moved to 3C. Consent Matters.

A. Approval of Minutes (Item for Consent)

i. [2026-062](#) **January 28, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

Sponsors: Rechanda Willis

Attachments: [Minutes - January 28, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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

B. Communications (Item for Consent)

i. [2026-061](#) **Receipt of Correspondence**

Attachments: [26 02 Board Memo – Replacement of Transformer A and B at WRRF](#)
[2026 02 09 Resolution - Opposing Proposed GLWA Rate Increases](#)
[City of Ferndale Resolution Regarding Proposed FY 2027 Rate Increases](#)
[Ryan Campbell RE Water increase Ferndale](#)
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Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. New Business (Items for Consent)

i. [2026-015](#) **Scheduling of Public Hearing for the GLWA FY 2027 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program Project Plan Submittals**

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [7A1 AC Memo - Request to Schedule FY 2027 CWSRF Public Hearing.pdf](#)
[7A3 FY 2027 CWSRF Public Hearing Notice - GLWA.pdf](#)

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

Note: A Public Hearing for the GLWA FY 2027 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program Project Plan Submittals has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

ii. [2026-029](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3
Contract No. 1900455-1/SCN-0000287
Architectural, Engineering, and Design Services
O&M**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

iii. [2026-030](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 2
Contract No. 1900455-2/SCN-0000287
Architectural, Engineering, and Design Services
CIP #112007/BCE: 95.2**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- iv. [2026-031](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 2**
Contract No. 2003730/SCN-0000386
Water Transmission Main, Valve and Other Priority Repairs
CIP #170504 / BEC Score: N/A

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- v. [2026-032](#) **Proposed Changed Order No. 3**
Contract No. GLWA-CS-055/SCN-0000344
Professional Engineering Services for Yard Piping, Valves and
Venturi Meters Replacement at Water Works Park
CIP #115001 / BEC Score: 69.20

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- vi. [2026-033](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0003185**
Systems Control Center Support Services
O&M

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [REQ-0003185 Procurement Report](#)
[REQ-0003185 Cost Summary - Rates Tabulation Signed](#)
[REQ-0003185 Vendor Response Follow-Up](#)

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

- vii. [2026-044](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 6**
Contract No. 1802575/SCN-0000104
GLWA Conveyance System Engineering Services
CIP #260204/BCE Score: 78.30

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- viii. [2026-045](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 2**
Contract No. 2103688/SCN-0000204
Rehabilitation of Connors Creek Sewer System
CIP# 260204/BCE Score: 78.30

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- ix. [2026-046](#) **Requisition No. REQ-0003744**
Design Services for Disinfection System Improvement at Baby
Creek, Belle Isle, and Puritan-Fenkell CSO Facilities
CIP #270007/ BCE Score: 57.00

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [REQ-0003744 Procurement Board Report](#)
[REQ-0003744 Cost Tabulation-Notice of Respondents](#)

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

- x. [2026-047](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3
Contract Nos. 2001492/SCN-0000215 and 2002240/SCN-0000214
Crane Services and Inspections
O&M**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- xi. [2026-057](#) **Purchase of Permanent Easement Necessary at 6991 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Township, Michigan 48304 for the N. Adams Rd. & South Blvd. 42-Inch Water Transmission Main Project**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

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

- xii. [2026-060](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Water Service Contract with Greenwood Township**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

Attachments: [Greenwood Twp Water Contract Am 2 2025 Ex B.pdf](#)

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

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Mark Miller
Action: Approved as Amended
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Matters.

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

6. Public Comment

The public comment period and public hearings were opened concurrently so that members of the public would be able to address matters of general concern and/or the proposed Budget and Charges.

7. Public Hearings

A. [2026-058](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget Request

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [2A -2026-058 FY 2027 & 2028 Budget and FY 2027 Charges Public Hearings - Summary.pdf](#)
[2B -2026-058 FY 2027 & 2028 Budget and FY 2027 Charges Public Hearings inc Appendix.pdf](#)
[3 - Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA Proposed Biennial Budget.pdf](#)
[4 - Public Hearing Summary of FY 2027 Schedule of Charges & FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget 01.26.2026.pdf](#)
[Benjamin Pauli RE Proposed Rate Increase](#)
[City of Ferndale Opposition to Proposed FY 2027 GLWA Water and Sewer Rate Increases](#)
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Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget Request.

**Motion By: Freman Hendrix
Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

There being no further comments from members of the public, Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Close the Public Hearing at 4:15 p.m.

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

B. [2026-059](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2027 Water and Sewerage Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice FY 2027 Schedule of Revenues and Charges](#)
[2026_02_09_Resolution_-_Opposing_Proposed_GLWA_Rate_Increases](#)
[City of Ferndale Opposition to Proposed FY 2027 GLWA Water and Sewer Rate Increases](#)
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Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2027 Water and Sewerage Service Charges.

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Zech called the Public Hearings to order at 1:08 p.m., and called for members of the public that would like to address the Board.

The following members of the public came before the Board in opposition of the Proposed FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget Request and/or Proposed FY 2027 Water and Sewerage Service Charges:

Joanna Whaley, resident of Allen Park; Cecily McClellan, We The People of Detroit; Wantwaz Davis, former Council person and Flint resident; Tommy Airey, Detroit resident; Michael Clack, resident of Flint; Audrey Muhammad, resident of Flint; Arthur Woodson, Flint resident; Rich Jones, Flint resident; Cynthia Haynes, Flint resident; Norrell Hemphill, We The People of Detroit; Elena Herrada, Detroit resident; Brooke Kimbrough, Detroit resident; Armena Pollard, Clinton Township resident; Lathan Jefferson; Demeeko Williams, Chief Executive Director - Hydrate Detroit; Jermaine Pappas, Detroit resident; and Brishawn Maxwell, one year

Michigan resident

The following members of the public addressed the Board in opposition of the proposed Budget and/or Charges via Zoom:

Tawana Patty; Theresa Landrum, Southwest Detroit resident; Anthony Tucker, Highland Park resident; iPhone, Highland Park resident; Eden Bloom, Detroit resident; Clay; Sylvia Orduno, People's Water Board; Micaiah Owens; LaTanya Bell, Executive Director - Wisdom Institute; Theo Pride, Detroit resident; Gwendolyn Howard, We The People of Detroit; Atrujjioh, Flint Resident; Janet White, Highland Park resident; Roslyn Walker, Detroit resident; Alton McIntyre, Detroit resident; Councilwoman Tonya Burns, City of Flint; Nayyirah Shariff, Director - Flint Rising; Angela Thomas, Highland Park resident; Trish Callahan; Dr. McNeal, President of Flint Community School Board; and Deanna Brown, Flint resident

Chairperson Zech called a short recess at 2:51 p.m.

Note: Director Miller excused himself from the meeting at recess and rejoined the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Chairperson Zech called the Public Hearings back to order at 3:00 p.m., with a continuation of the following members of the public addressing the Board in opposition of the proposed Budget and/or Charges, via Zoom:

Andy Goddeeris, from Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib's office; Ian Wendrow; Darell Brown, Flint resident; Chuck Wutke, Melvindale resident; Kristy Meyer; Tiana Starks, We The People of Detroit; Renard, Detroit resident; Councilman Jonathan Jarrett, Flint City Council; Gracie Wooten, Highland Park resident; Cheryl Allen, Melvindale resident; Flora Wesson, Flint resident; Claire McClinton, Flint resident; Diane Thornton, Flint resident; Alexis Smith, Toledo, Ohio resident; Mayor McDonald - City of Highland Park; Spectacle TV, Flint resident; Young, Gifted & Green (Latricea), Flint advocate; Motorola Edge 2025; Candice Mushatt, President of Flint City Council ; Janis D. Hazel, President of Aviation Subdivision - City of Detroit; Karla Oliver; Claire McClinton; Dewaun Robinson, Flint resident; Dr. Alicia Renee Farris, Detroit resident; Patricia Quaglia; Athena McKay; Laura Mikulski, Mayor Pro Tem - City of Ferndale; Judy Priestley, Finance Chair - Flint City Council; and Mrs. Chapman, Flint resident;

Following public comments via Zoom, Chairperson Zech asked if there were any other members of the public that would like to make comments.

Bishop Bernadel Jefferson from Flint, Michigan, came before the Board in opposition of the proposed rate increase.

There being no further comments from members of the public, Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Close the Public Hearing at 4:15 p.m.

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

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

A. [2026-070](#) Resolution Adopting the FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [6B3 Budget Resolution 2026-070 with support.docx](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Adopted
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2026-071](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of FY 2027 Schedule of Service Charges

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [6C3 2026-071 Resolution Legistar-Charges 2.23.2026.docx](#)
[6C4 Proposed FY 2027 Schedule of Water Charges 022526.pdf](#)
[6C5 Proposed FY 2027 Schedule of Sewer Charges 022526.pdf](#)
[6C6 Proposed FY 2027 Schedule of Industrial Service Charges 022526.pdf](#)

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

C. [2026-052](#) Resolution Regarding Approval of the FY 2027 through FY 2031 Capital Improvement Plan

Sponsors: Jody Caldwell and Dima El-Gamal

Indexes: Planning Services

Attachments: [FY 2027-2031 CIP Resolution 2026-052](#)
[Proposed Capital Improvement Plan FY 2027-2031](#)
[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: Gary Brown
Support By: Freman Hendrix
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

There were no Board Members' remarks.

Note: Director Baker and Director Brown excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

12. CEO's Report

A. [2026-068](#) CEO Report - February 25, 2026

Sponsors: Suzanne Coffey

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - February 25, 2026 and Attachment](#)

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Other Matters

William M. Wolfson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Interim General Counsel, stated that with the Board having approved both the Budget and Charges Resolutions, a Motion to close the Public Hearings would be in order.

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to close the Public Hearings.

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: Freman Hendrix

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Public Hearings regarding the Proposed FY 2027 & FY 2028 Biennial Budget Request and the Proposed FY 2027 Water and Sewerage Service Charges were closed at 4:45 p.m.

William M. Wolfson also advised the Board that the next Board of Directors Meeting will take place on March 25, 2026 (2:00 p.m.).

14. Adjournment

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.