



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

2:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor
and
Zoom Telephonic

Join Zoom Meeting:

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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.