

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Trustees November 29, 2023

Meeting#: 1210

Call to order: 10:02 a.m.

Place: MWRD Board Room, 100 E. Erie St. Chicago, IL

Presiding: Kevin Young, President

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Present	Absent
Kevin Young, President	X	
Bonnie T. Kennedy, Vice President	X	
Hon. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Secretary	X	
John P. Dalton	X	
John R. Markovich	X	
Robert Quezada	X	
Hon. Kari K. Steele	X	

Staff present: Jim Mohler, Executive Director
Mary Murphy, Operations Manager
Brian Gillespie, Investment Officer
Ksenija Hrvojevic, Benefits Manager
Vrinda Kulkarni, Accounting Supervisor

Also present: Kweku Obed, Investment Consultant, Marquette Associates
Alberto Rivera, Investment Consultant, Marquette Associates
Kirstin Carlson, Provaliant
Paul Canning, UBS Real Estate
Maria Bascetta, UBS Real Estate
Norton O'Meara, DWS-RREEF
Jacob Trujillo, DWS-RREEF
Mary Ann Boyle, MWRD Treasurer

Roll Call

President Young conducted a roll call.

Public Comment

President Young solicited public comments; there were none.

Regular Business

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes – 10/25/23

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval Executive Session Minutes – N/A

Approval of Meeting Agenda – 11/29/23

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Administrative Expenses – 22 items, \$162,317.10

Motion to approve: Vice President Kennedy

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trustee Markovich entered the meeting (10:04 a.m.)

Investment Expenses – 18 items, \$790,700.36

Motion to approve: Trustee Quezada

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Employee Annuity - 2 annuities, \$7,388.33

Motion to approve: Trustee Steele

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Surviving Spouse Annuity – 4 annuities, \$12,386.08

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Child Annuity – N/A

Refunds – 3 refunds, \$40,937.39

Motion to approve: Commissioner Steele

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Duty Disability Benefits - 11 members, \$702.39 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ordinary Disability Benefits - 7 members, \$1,318.72 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Vice President Kennedy

Second: Trustee Steele

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Administrative

Cash Allocation

Liquidity needs for projected disbursements:

Month: January 2024

Projected Disbursements: \$17.0M

Requested Liquidity Needs: \$15.6M

Proposed Liquidity Sources:

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Liquidation Amount (\$)</u>
DFA	Emerging Markets	\$10.0M
SSgA Russell 1000 Growth	Domestic Equity	5.6M

Motion to approve: Trustee Markovich

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Oath of Office for Trustee term 12/1/23 to 11/30/27

Subject Matter: Vice President Kennedy took the Oath of Office for the Trustee term beginning 12/1/23.

Board Action: None. Congratulations to Vice President Kennedy.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule Consideration

Subject Matter: Fund staff presented dates for the 2024 meetings of the Retirement Board for consideration.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Provaliant Presentation

Subject Matter: Kirstin Carlson presented the Quarterly Report on Project Ascent from Provaliant. Ms. Carlson, in conjunction with Fund staff, recommended a change order extending the project completion date by 8 months for Board consideration.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ancillary IT Projects

Subject Matter: Fund staff update the Board on IT projects currently being worked on by Fund staff.

2022 Actuarial Projection Modeler

Subject Matter: Fund staff discussed the Actuarial Projection Modeler created by the Fund's Actuary annually.

Board Action: None. Update only.

2022 Actuarial Experience Study – Actuary Recommendations Consideration

Subject Matter: Fund staff updated the Board on the recommendations of their Actuary regarding the use of Actuarial assumptions for their next valuation based on their Experience Study conducted. Staff requested the Board consider the recommended assumptions beginning with the 2023 valuation.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

District Budget 2024 Presentation (11/2/23) – Information Request

Subject Matter: Fund staff informed the Retirement Board that a request for information was requested by District Finance Chairman Garcia. We have submitted a DRAFT response for his review. Once confirmed acceptable, we will distribute to all District Commissioners and relevant District Officers.

Board Action: None. Update only.

5 Year Operating Cash Flows Projection (2024-28)

Subject Matter: Fund staff presented to the Board a 5-year Operating Cash Flows projection for 2024 through 2028.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Educational Opportunities 2023 Discussion

Subject Matter: Fund staff updated the Board on upcoming opportunities for Trustee education.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Legal & Legislative

Legislative Subject Matter: Fund staff shared the highlights of the Illinois Legislature Veto Session regarding pension related matters. Fund staff was directed to reach out to Tom Walsh, Legislative Liaison, regarding his services for 2024.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Staff Investment Update(s)

Manager Presentations

UBS Real Estate

Subject Matter: Annual presentation of the firm's investment mandate with the Board.

Board Action: None. Update only.

DWS RREEF

Subject Matter: Annual presentation of the firm's investment mandate with the Board.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Current vs. Target Asset Allocation

Subject Matter: Staff presentation of the Fund's investment portfolio asset allocation in comparison to targets.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Watchlist Update

Subject Matter: Staff presentation of the status of investment managers currently on watch.

Board Action: None. Update only.

RFP Private Credit Update

Subject Matter: Staff discussed the status of the contract negotiations and funding for investment managers selected by the Board.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Investment Consultant Report(s)

Market Environment

Subject Matter: Investment Consultant update on the investment markets.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Monthly Flash Report

Subject Matter: Update on the Fund's Investment Portfolio.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Adjournment 11/29/23 Meeting

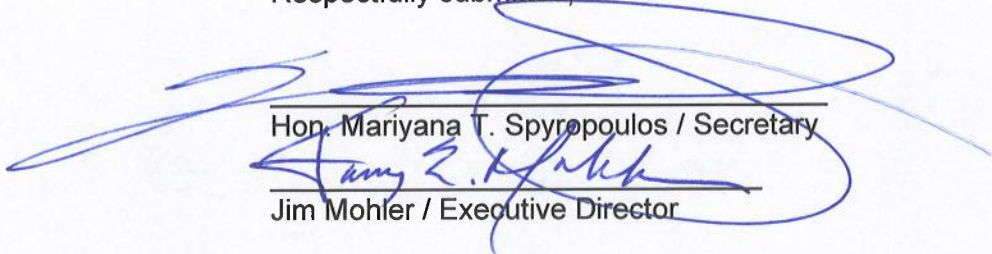
Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hon. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos / Secretary

Jim Mohler / Executive Director

Prepared by:



Vrinda Kulkarni

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