

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Trustees December 20, 2023

Meeting#: 1211

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: Alberto Rivera, Investment Consultant, Marquette Associates
Tom Walsh, Walsh Consulting
Angela Myers, Loop Capital

Public Comment

President Young solicited public comments; there were none.

Regular Business

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes – 11/29/23

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval Executive Session Minutes – N/A

Approval of Meeting Agenda – 12/20/23

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Administrative Expenses – 23 items, \$172,950.72

Motion to approve: Vice President Kennedy

Second: Trustee Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Investment Expenses – N/A

Employee Annuitants - 3 annuitants, \$3,269.70

Motion to approve: Trustee Quezada

Second: Commissioner Steele

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Surviving Spouse Annuitants – 2 annuitants, \$12,916.24

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Child Annuitants – N/A

Refunds – 1 refund, \$404.41

Motion to approve: Trustee Markovich

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Duty Disability Benefits - 14 members, \$608.23 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Trustee Quezada

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ordinary Disability Benefits - 8 members, \$1,583.39 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Administrative

President Young recognized the passing of former District Treasurer and former Retiree Trustee of the Retirement Board Harold Downs by reading a statement into the record.

Cash Allocation

Liquidity needs for projected disbursements:

Month: February 2024

Projected Disbursements: \$17M

Requested Liquidity Needs: \$13.5M

Proposed Liquidity Sources:

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Liquidation Amount (\$)</u>
DFA	Emerging Markets	\$7.5M
SSgA Russell 1000 Growth	Domestic Equity	6.0M

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2024 Election of Board Officers

Subject Matter: Election of Board Officers for 2024 in accordance with 40 ILCS 5/13-704; President Kevin Young, Vice President Bonnie T. Kennedy, and Secretary Mariyana Spyropoulos

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Commissioner Steele

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Subject Matter: Fund staff reflected the Investment Managers to present to the Retirement Board in 2024.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Project Ascent & Ancillary IT Projects

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

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.

Educational Conferences 2024 – NCPERS & IFEBP

Subject Matter: Board approved the attendance to NCPERS or IFEBP subject to Administrative Budget.

Motion to approve: President Young

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RFP Auditing Services

Subject Matter: Fund staff informed the Board that they will be doing an RFP for Auditing Services in 3Q/2024.

Board Action: None. Update only.

2024 Administrative Budget

Subject Matter: Discussion of the 2024 Administrative Budget DRAFT for Board consideration.

The Board deferred this item to the end of the meeting.

Executive Session #1 – (11:07 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.)

The Board went into Executive Session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Board came out of Executive Session.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Vice President Kennedy

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Board Action: In the open meeting the Board approved the 2024 Administrative Budget with their revisions to be incorporated by Fund staff.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Legal & Legislative

Legislative Update

Subject Matter: Tom Walsh, Walsh Consulting, Discussed with the Board his thoughts on the upcoming session of the Illinois Legislature.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Legislative Considerations 2024

Subject Matter: Fund staff and Tom Walsh discuss with the Board the steps needed to introduce some administrative related legislation in the upcoming session.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Legal – Chicago/Illinois Paid Leave Ordinance/Act

Subject Matter: Fund staff discussed with the Board the initiatives of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois regarding the requirement of a certain amount of paid leave for workers in Chicago or in Illinois.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Staff Investment Update(s)

Manager Presentations – N/A

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.

Procurement Policy – Investment Managers

Subject Matter: Fund staff requested the Board's approval of the recommended changes to the Procurement Policy for Investment Managers based on Public Act 103-324 Illinois Sustainable Investing Act.

Motion to approve: Vice President Kennedy

Second: Trustee Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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.

RFP Investment Consultant

Subject Matter: Fund Staff informed the Board that in accordance with 40 ILCS 5/1-114.5(a-5) they will begin an RFP for Investment Consulting Services in 1Q/2024.

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 12/20/23 Meeting

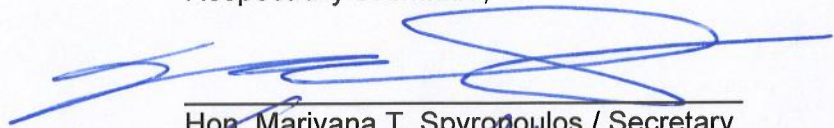
Motion to approve: Vice President Kennedy

Second: Trustee Quezada

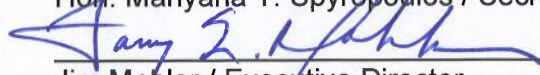
Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hon. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos / Secretary



Jim Mohler / Executive Director

Prepared by:



Vrinda Kulkarni / Accounting Supervisor