

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Trustees June 26, 2024

Meeting#: 1217

Call to order: 10:06 a.m.

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

Presiding: Bonnie T. Kennedy, President

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Present	Absent
Bonnie T. Kennedy, President	X	
John R. Markovich, Vice President	X	
Hon. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Secretary	X	
John P. Dalton	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, Marquette Associates
Alberto Rivera, Marquette Associates
Wendy Sin, Acting Treasurer MWRD
Kirstin Carlson, Provaliant
Chuck Stolfa, Wasatch Global Investors
Austin Bone, Wasatch Global Investors
Griffin Watkins, DFA
Robert Deere, DFA

Public Comment

President Kennedy solicited public comments; there were none.

Regular Business

Approval Special Meeting Minute – 5/23/24

Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes – 5/29/24

Motion to approve: Trustee Quezada

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval Executive Session Minutes – 5/29/24 and to remain closed

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – 06/26/24

Motion to approve: Commissioner Steele

Second: Vice President Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Administrative Expenses – 22 items, \$211,467.80

Motion to approve: Commissioner Steele

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Investment Expenses – 2 items, \$116,823.14

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Vice President Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Employee Annuity - 9 annuities, \$50,593.29

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Surviving Spouse Annuity – 5 annuities, \$18,237.52

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Child Annuity – N/A

Refunds – 14 refunds, \$595,835.41

Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Duty Disability Benefits - 13 members, \$769.35 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Commissioner Steele

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ordinary Disability Benefits - 14 members, \$2,716.47 combined daily rate, and one 30-day waiver Office# 17265

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Administrative

Cash Allocation

Liquidity needs for projected disbursements:

Month: August 2024

Projected Disbursements: (\$17.7M)

Requested Liquidity Needs: \$16.1M

Proposed Liquidity Sources:

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Liquidation Amount (\$)</u>
SSgA R1000G	Domestic Equity Passive	14.5M
SSgA S&P500	Domestic Equity Passive	1.6M

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Quezada

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Project Ascent & Ancillary IT Projects

Subject Matter: Fund staff and Consultant updated the Board on Project Ascent and ancillary IT projects.

Board Action: None. Update only.

2025 Employer Contribution Resolution – 40 ILCS 5/13-503

Subject Matter: Fund staff presented the 2025 Employer Contribution Resolution for Board approval and submission to the Plan Sponsor (MWRDGC).

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Vice President Markovich

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trustee Vacancy Discussion – 40 ILCS 5/13-703

Subject Matter: Fund staff shared with the Board the process for soliciting members for consideration in the vacant trustee position.

Board Action: Deferred to the end of the meeting to be discussed in Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Subject Matter: Fund staff shared with the Board the highlights of the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that is in the process of being finalized and will be submitted to the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA).

Board Action: None. Update only.

RFP Auditing Services

Subject Matter: Fund staff reminded the Board that the Fund does an RFP for Auditing Services every five years and it will commence later this Summer.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Trustee Election

Subject Matter: Fund staff informed the Board the annual Trustee Election will begin in September and, if there is a need for an election, it will be done online to help streamline the voting process for members and encourage a larger voter turnout.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Illinois Department of Insurance Annual Filing

Subject Matter: Fund staff informed the Board that the annual filing with the Illinois Department of Insurance has been completed.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Educational Opportunities 2024 Discussion

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

Board Action: None. Update only.

Legal & Legislative

Legal Matters

Subject Matter: Fund staff informed the Board that changes to the Fund's Employee Handbook will be finalized and presented to the Board at their July meeting for consideration. Fund staff also updated the Board on the status of the Business Associate Agreement with the MWRDGC regarding our assistance with the administration of their OPEB plan.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Legislative Update N/A

Staff Investment Update(s)

Manager Presentations –

Subject Matter: Annual presentations from Wasatch Global Investors and DFA. Questions ensued.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Current vs. Target Asset Allocation

Subject Matter: Staff presentation of the Fund's investment portfolio 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 Contract & Funding Update

Subject Matter: Staff gave an updated on the contract negotiations and preliminary funding sources for consideration.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Investment Consultant RFP - Update

Subject Matter: Discussion of the Investment Consultant RFP.

Board Action: Deferred to the end of the meeting to be discussed in Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7).

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: Monthly presentation of investment performance by Investment Consultant.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Miscellaneous

Executive Session – (12:08 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.)

The Board went into Executive Session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) & (7).

Motion to approve: Trustee Quezada

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Board went back into Open Session.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Trustee Dalton

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Board Action: No actions taken in open session from the Executive Session

Adjournment 06/26/24 Meeting

Motion to approve: Commissioner Spyropoulos

Second: Commissioner Steele

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned. 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

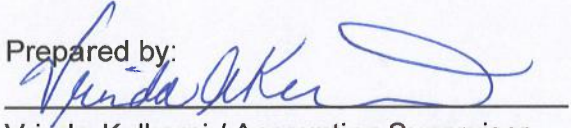


Hon. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos / Secretary



Jim Mohler / Executive Director

Prepared by:



Vrinda Kulkarni / Accounting Supervisor