

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Trustees July 30, 2025

Meeting #: 1230

Call to order: 10:00 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. Kari K. Steele, Secretary		X
Hon. Yumeka Brown		X
John P. Dalton	X	
Jonathan S. Grabowy	X	
Robert Quezada		X

Staff present:

Jim Mohler, Executive Director
Mary Murphy, Operations Manager
Brian Gillespie, Investment Officer
Vitaliy Bunimovich, Information Technology Supervisor

Also present:

Alberto Rivera, Marquette Associates
Steve Lux, MWRD Treasurer
Tom Walsh, Legislative Liaison
Edward Rozell, Aristotle Capital
Aylon Ben-Shlomo, Aristotle Capital
Jeffrey Jackson, Earnest Partners
Dinkar Singh, Earnest Partners

Public Comment

President Kennedy solicited public comments; there were none.

Regular Business

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – 6/10/25

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Trustee Dalton

Approved by roll call vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 6/25/25

Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Dalton

Approved by roll call vote.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – 6/25/25

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – 7/30/25

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Trustee Dalton

Approved by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Administrative Expenses – 17 items, \$161,677.64

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Vice President Markovich

Approved by roll call vote.

Investment Expenses – N/A

Employee Annuity – 3 annuitants, \$36,230.55

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Vice President Markovich

Approved by roll call vote.

Surviving Spouse Annuity – 1 annuitant, \$1,874.96

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Child Annuity – N/A

Refunds – 6 refunds, \$174,668.81

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Trustee Dalton

Approved by roll call vote.

Duty Disability Benefits – 13 members, \$751.01 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Ordinary Disability Benefits – 7 members, \$1,238.70 combined daily rate

Motion to approve: Trustee Grabowy

Second: Vice President Markovich

Approved by roll call vote.

Administrative

Cash Allocation

Liquidity needs for projected disbursements:

Month: September 2025

Projected Disbursements: (\$19.2M)

Requested Liquidity Needs: \$16.8M

Proposed Liquidity Sources:

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Liquidation Amount (\$)</u>
SSgA Russell 1000G	Domestic LCG	11.6M
Ariel Investments	Domestic SMiDV	5.2M

Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Provaliant Presentation

Project Ascent & Ancillary IT Projects

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

Board Action: Motion to approve two additional data conversions in September and October at a cost of approximately \$12,000 in total.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Office Space Construction Update

Subject Matter: Fund staff updated the Board on the status of the Office construction.

Board Action: None. Update only.

Trustee Election 2025 Discussion

Subject Matter: Fund staff presented to the Board the Rules of Election for the 2025 Trustee election. Discussion ensued.

Board Action: Motion to approve the Rules of Election as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Vice President Markovich

Approved by roll call vote.

Educational Opportunities 2025 Discussion

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

Board Action: None. Update only.

Matter of Personnel

Subject Matter: Discussion of a personnel matter by the Board.

Board Action: Matter was deferred to the end of the regular meeting.

Legal & Legislative

Legal Update

Subject Matter: Discussion of a Summons received and matter of fiduciary counsel services.
Board Action: Matter was deferred to the end of the regular meeting.

Legislative Update

Subject Matter: Tom Walsh, Legislative Liaison, updated the Board on the actions of the Legislature in their Spring 2025 session and what could be on their agenda for Fall veto session.
Board Action: None. Update only.

Staff Investment Update(s)

Manager Presentations – Earnest Partners and Aristotle Capital

Subject Matter: Representatives from Earnest Partners and Aristotle Capital discussed the performance of their mandate(s) and the status of the economy. Discussion 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.

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.

Infrastructure RFP

Subject Matter: Fund staff updated the Board on the contractual negotiations for Infrastructure mandates discussed at the June meeting of the Board.
Board Action: None. Update only.

Executive Session – Enter (12:22 PM)

Subject Matter: The Board requested an executive session to discuss two matters of personnel and one matter of possible litigation.

Board Action: Motion to go into executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (11).

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Regular Session – Return (1:04 PM)

Subject Matter: Summons received discussion.

Board Action: Motion to direct Fund Counsel to negotiate a settlement agreement regarding the summons received by the Fund in accordance with their recommendation.

Motion to approve: Trustee Dalton

Second: Trustee Grabowy

Approved by roll call vote.

Miscellaneous – N/A

Adjournment 7/30/25 Meeting

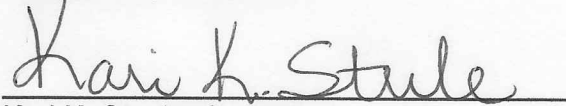
Motion to approve: Vice President Markovich

Second: Trustee Dalton

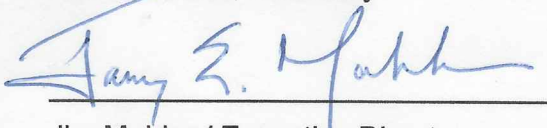
Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned. 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

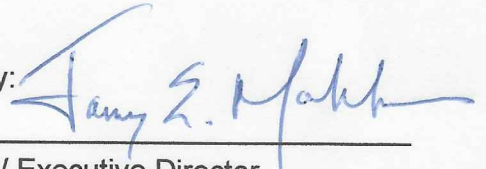


Kari K. Steele, Secretary



Jim Mohler / Executive Director

Prepared by:



Jim Mohler / Executive Director