

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES
of the
Board of Water Commissioners**

Denver Water Administration Building
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO
Board Room, First Floor

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, February 22, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Dominique Gómez, First Vice President
Stephanie Donner, Vice President
Tyrone J. Gant, Vice President
Gary M. Reiff, Vice President

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	M. Gilmore, Engineer Sr.
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	G. Gonzales, Business Operations Sr. Support
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
J. Brody, General Counsel	A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	J. Lorton, Director Accounting
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	J. Martin, Project Engineer
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	P. McCormick, Project Engineer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
	S. Overby, Business Operations Support

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E. Abbott, IT Application Manager	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
B. Akins, Finance Sr. Analyst	A. Rettig, Finance Supervisor
J. Bandy, Planning Manager	K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
L. Bissey, Paralegal	B. Scott, IT Manager
J. Bogner, Finance Sr.	U. Sharma, Treasurer
R. Carlyle, Engineering Specialist	S. Slettedahl, GIS Sr. Analyst
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.	J. Walter, Finance Analyst
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs	P. Williams, Executive Assistant
J. Daly, Finance Sr.	J. Wittler, Attorney
M. Davies, Engineer	L. Albanese, Financial Investment News
N. Elder, Planning Manager	J. Crockett, Jacobs
L. Ellingson, Engineer Sr.	B. Henry, City of Thornton
C. Fikan, Finance Associate Analyst	G. Hood, Jacobs
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager	R. Hungerbuhler, Segal Marco Advisors

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gómez called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Jones was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Gómez issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the meeting Agenda. There was no public comment.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill provided an update on notable bills that Denver Water staff are tracking, including SB23-105, which ensures equal pay for equal work, and SB23-010, which concerns the water resources and agriculture review committee. He added that Denver Water is supporting Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) budget request for additional full-time employees to address Clean Water Program permitting backlogs and Safe Drinking Water Program inspection backlogs to align with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permit processing targets.

Mr. Hill was available to answer any questions regarding the Legislative Update Briefing Paper. The Board had no questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the Commissioners then present, unless otherwise noted, the Board acted upon the following agenda items:

**1. ITEM II-A-1: FOOTHILLS TREATMENT PLANT FILTER SURFACE
WASH AND CHLORINATION UPGRADES – CONTRACT 505288**

Approved Contract 505288 with Archer Western Construction, LLC for Foothills Treatment Plant Filter Surface Wash and Chlorination Upgrades for the contract period from February 22, 2023 to May 14, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$799,000.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: NORTH COMPLEX HAZELTINE PUMP STATION SITE
ELECTRICAL – CONTRACT 505298**

Approved Contract 505298 with Guarantee Electrical Contracting, LLC for Hazeltine Pump Station Site Electrical Project for the contract period from February 22, 2023 to September 30, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,274,342.

**3. ITEM II-A-3: DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 2023 VAULT
IMPROVEMENTS – CONTRACT 505466**

Approved Contract 505466 with Flatiron Constructors, Inc. for Denver International Airport 2023 Vault Improvements for the contract period from February 22, 2023 to December 8, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,158,250.

POLICY MATTERS

4. ITEM III-A: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Elder presented the Board with the Water Supply Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported that the snowpack for Denver Water's South Platte River Collection System is 79% of normal and the Colorado River Collection System is 99% of normal, which is a little better than this time last year. Denver Water's reservoir storage is currently at 82% full, compared to 81% full at this time last year. Staff forecasts filling our reservoirs up to the maximum level, assuming average future weather conditions.

Mr. Elder reported that the weather forecast over the next few weeks remains in an active pattern, showing likely above-normal precipitation and below-normal temperatures, which is a good combination. He also noted the current conditions in Lake Powell would require several consecutive years of above average precipitation to refill the system, which is only 22% full right now.

5. ITEM III-B: NORTHWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. McCormick presented the Board with the Northwater Treatment Plant (NTP) Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He reported that the project is approximately 12 months away from the projected substantial completion date of March 2024, with 84% of construction complete. He explained that 15 of 16 structures are complete in terms of exterior work and that teams are transitioning to the interior, beginning the process of testing equipment, components, and systems. In a few months, the Board will receive real-time monthly dashboard updates, which will provide a better overview of the project.

The project estimate at completion (EAC) is \$518.1 million, which is just under the project forecast of \$520 million, and approaching \$432.3 million spent to date. The construction contingency change average is still holding, and with approximately half of the owner contingency spent relative to the completion rate, it is anticipated that the contractor will expend the full budget.

Mr. McCormick added that the project team for the Northwater Treatment Plant construction project was awarded the American Water Works Association's 2022 Innovation Award for Denver Water's project design and delivery. This award is given to utilities that have inspired or implemented an innovative idea, best practice, or solution to address a challenge facing the industry.

6. ITEM III-C: GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION

Mr. Martin presented the Board with the Gross Reservoir Expansion Presentation, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. He reported on the progress of construction on site and provided a forecast of key activities, noting production schedules and progress for 2023. The team continues to work on site development, dam surface preparation, and foundation excavation. An extension of excavation activities through the winter months was added to regain schedule momentum.

Critical activities for 2023 include completion of the foundation rock excavation, foundation treatment concrete, and foundation grouting.

Mr. Martin stated that 2022 actual billings closely aligned with the October forecast. The forecasted contingency need is currently greater than the contingency fund, with a \$17 million shortfall, and the cumulative construction costs through December 2022 were about \$18 million below baseline. He also provided a risk management update, discussing construction risk management and mitigation, the contingency budget spend, and forecasted contingency use. The team remains engaged with the community, and additional public outreach is ongoing as road-widening activities commence.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

7. ITEM IV-B: CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont reported that the January Financial Report has been prepared for the Board's review, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit D.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

8. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit E.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into a Trustee Meeting at approximately 9:44 a.m.

Trustee/Plan Sponsor Meeting

The Board of Water Commissioners, serving in their capacity as Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Plan Trust Fund and Plan Sponsor of the Employees' Retirement Plan, and as Sponsor of the Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City and County of Denver, met on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, commencing at 9:45 a.m., in the Board Room, Room 106, 1600 West 12th Avenue, Denver, Colorado and via Zoom Video Conference. The Minutes of the Trustee/Plan Sponsor Meeting are maintained separately.

The Trustee/Plan Sponsor Meeting concluded at 10:05 a.m., at which time the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners.

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Secretary

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Dominique Gomez
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President