

**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: 859 6242 5156, Password: 971434
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 859 6242 5156

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 859 6242 5156, Password: 971434 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 859 6242 5156. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Gary M. Reiff, President
Craig Jones, First Vice President
Tyrone J. Gant, Vice President
Dominique Gómez, Vice President

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

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	D. Judd, GIS Manager
J. Brody, General Counsel	J. Martin, Project Engineer
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	D. Martinelli, Finance Analyst
D. Gorgemans, Internal Auditor	C. Mbakago, Division Sr. Analyst
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	J. Mellette, Organization Improvement Sr. Facilitator
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	I. Oliver, Director SOS
	S. Overby, Business Operations Support

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S. Abram, Director Financial Planning and Performance	C. Palmore, Business Sr. Analyst - EP MO
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst	J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
D. Arnold, Attorney	B. Peterson, Finance Supervisor
S. Behunek, Public Affairs Manager	C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs	V. Roberts, Director Enterprise IT
W. Christiansen, Drafter	K. Rocha, Procurement Specialist
E. Cinchock, Division Sr. Analyst	D. Shable, Engineer Sr.
E. Crain, Procurement Specialist	L. Southard, Business Operations Support
J. Daly, Procurement Specialist	J. Taussig, Director EMS
F. Davis, Rates Manager	J. Walter, Finance Analyst
M. Day, IT Support Manager	P. Williams, Executive Assistant
L. Evora, Executive Assistant	C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District
K. Forbes, Director Human Resources	D. Newnam
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager	

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Donner was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

Public Comment and Communications

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

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill provided an overview of the Second Regular Session of Colorado's 73rd General Assembly, stating that the majority of bills tracked by the Denver Water Legislative Review Team addressed wildfire prevention and mitigation, water rights, water quality, sustainability, and employment-related matters. In comparison to past sessions, few bills significantly impacted Denver Water. Overall, the team tracked forty-two bills, supported three bills, and amended two bills. No opposition was registered on any introduced legislation. He stated that two notable amended bills were SB22-114 and SB22-113, and of the monitored bills, HB22-1151 and HB22-1358 may lead to additional engagement by Denver Water.

Mr. Hill added that Denver Water plans to host an interim committee, the Water Resources Review Committee, on August 4, 2022. He explained that the event will be an opportunity to build relationships with lawmakers and bring a variety of important water issues to the forefront.

Mr. Hill thanked the Board for their engagement during the session and Commissioner Reiff thanked Mr. Hill for his approach.

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: MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2022

Approved the Minutes from the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2022

Approved the Minutes from the May 25, 2022 Board Meeting.

3. ITEM II-A-3: RECYCLING PLANT CHLORINE AND SOLIDS REMOVAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS – CONTRACT 505001

Approved Contract 505001 with Gamey Companies, Inc. for Recycling Plant Chlorine and Solids Removal Systems Improvements, for the contract period from June 8, 2022 to April 20, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$828,000.

4. ITEM II-A-4: VALVE EXERCISING SERVICES – CONTRACTS 505194, 505301, AND 505302

Approved Contract 505194 (funds only), Contract 505301 with Pure Technologies U.S. and Contract 505302 with Distribution System Resources for valve exercising and repair services, for the contract period from June 8, 2022 to June 30, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,120,000.

5. ITEM II-B-1: RESPONSE TO RISING COST OF LIVING

Mr. Lochhead touched on the challenges of the past two years, including the pandemic, political and social unrest, and the war in Ukraine, noting their impact

on global economic conditions, inflationary rates, and the unprecedented increase in the cost of living not experienced since the 1970s. He explained that Denver Water's pay structure tracks closely with the rate of inflation but is not designed to react to the sudden increase experienced in the past year. In line with Denver Water's philosophy, and in recognition of the disproportionate impact of inflation on employees at the lower end of the pay structure, Mr. Lochhead proposed a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,800 after taxes for all employees at Denver Water to minimize the immediate impact of inflation on households.

The Board applauded Mr. Lochhead for leading the way on this proposal, unanimously agreeing that this a great approach. The Board also commended the dedication and commitment of staff to its customers.

Approved the adoption of a one-time payment for full-time employees (pro-rated for part-time employees) of approximately \$1,800 after taxes, paid by regular payroll in June 2022.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

6. 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 A.

7. ITEM V-A-2: BRIEFING PAPER FOR IT STRATEGY

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

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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Jim Lochhead
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Secretary

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Gary M. Reiff
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President