

**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, October 11, 2023

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 11, 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:

Craig Jones, President
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:

A. Salazar, CEO/Manager	J. Bowers, Distribution Relations Manager
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
J. Brody, General Counsel	M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	F. Davis, Rates Manager
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	R. Davis, Engineer
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	L. Duffy, Finance Sr. Analyst
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	T. Mukoda, EMSS Manager
	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure

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T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and
Maintenance Officer
S. Abram, Director Financial Planning &
Performance
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst
B. Akins, Finance Sr. Analyst
R. Badger, Planning Manager
T. Berry, IT Project Manager
L. Bissey, Paralegal
A. Bonato, Law Clerk

J. Potts, Finance Analyst
K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
L. Southard, Business Operations Support
J. Taussig, Director EMSS
J. Walter, Finance Analyst
P. Williams, Executive Assistant
C. Anderson, City of Arvada
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and
Sanitation District

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Jones 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.

Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

Mr. Good announced that Denver Water was recognized by the Utility of the Future Today (UotFT) Recognition Program for its work in community partnership and engagement. The UotFT is a collaborative effort by The Water Environment Federation (WEF), the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Research Foundation (WRF), WateReuse Association, and the U.S. Water Alliance.

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Approved the Minutes from the September 13, 2023 Board Meeting.

2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Approved the Minutes from the September 27, 2023 Board Meeting.

3. ITEM II-A-3: SOUTH PLATTE COLLECTION SYSTEM HAZELTINE TO SOUTH PLATTE RIVER SPILLWAY – CONTRACT 505661

Approved Contract 505661 with American West Construction, LLC for the South Platte Collection System Hazeltine to South Platte River Spillway Project, for the contract period from October 11, 2023 to August 31, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,442,500.

4. ITEM II-A-4: BUSINESS ANALYTICS PLATFORM PROJECT WITH QUISITIVE LLC – CONTRACT 505535

Approved Contract 505535 with Quisitive LLC for the Business Analytics Platform Project, for the contract period starting on the agreement effective date through December 19, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$351,350.

5. ITEM II-B-1: APPROVAL OF THE 2024 RATE SCHEDULES

Mr. Davis presented the 2024 Final Reading of Rates, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported that the 2024 water rates reflect a 5% revenue adjustment to fund key strategic projects, to ensure performance of the system, and increase resilience, reliability, and sustainability for future generations. He provided an overview of annual residential bill impacts for single family residential and multi-family residential under the proposed rates. A metro survey comparison of 2024 rates to 2023 rates showed Denver Water trending just below the overall increase in the last six years.

Ms. Chesney provided a brief overview of the team's annual rates communications plan, explaining that community outreach efforts raise customer and stakeholder awareness through various platforms, including news releases, TAP stories and videos, social media, rates brochure/bill inserts (digital and print), and advance notice to distributors.

Approved the 2024 rate schedules for an annual 5% increase in water sales revenue, to be implemented on January 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

6. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Salazar reported that he continues to meet with Denver Water employees, both on and off site, and tour the various facilities, most recently Gross Reservoir, Dillion Reservoir, and the High Line Canal. He also acknowledged Mr. Marsicek's team for organizing and hosting the Wildland Fire Leadership Council, an intergovernmental body comprised of Federal, state, tribal, county, and municipal government officials, focused on wildland fire policies, goals, and management activities. He highlighted Denver Water's involvement as a leader at the forefront of critical climate issues that have a national impact.

Mr. Salazar noted that he will be meeting with Summit County Commissioners as part of an outreach effort to establish good relationships with various local government partners.

7. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE

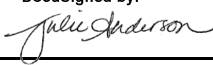
Mr. Mukoda presented the Board with a Safety Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He reported that the Denver Water safety team supports employees at all locations, responds to accidents and incidents, and administers third-party claims. Currently, the team is transitioning to a new approach, I AM Safety, which views risk management as an evolving process. I AM Safety aims to raise awareness and reinforce the role everyone plays in avoiding and reducing risks.

The elements of I AM Safety include Identifying hazards, Assessing risks, and Making good choices. He explained that safety is a value and that innovation and learning are critical to improving safety, the progress of which is measured through performance improvement and cultural change. He also noted the importance of recognizing psychological safety and trust as components of a healthy safety culture.

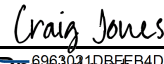
In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Taussig stated that in partnership with outside experts, Denver Water has an internal threat assessment team that looks at the trending nature of workplace violence and substance abuse.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:33 a.m.

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President