

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

Denver Water Administration Building  
1600 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO  
Board Room, First Floor

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 871 0117 3361, Password: 161660  
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 871 0117 3361

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 12, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 871 0117 3361, Password: 161660 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 871 0117 3361. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

**Gary M. Reiff, President**  
**Craig Jones, First Vice President**  
**Stephanie Donner, 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	S. Dozier, Water Quality Lead
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Joseph, Attorney
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst
J. Brody, General Counsel	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	S. Overby, Business Operations Support
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	C. Palmore, Business Sr. Analyst – EPMO
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
V. Roberts, <i>Acting</i> Chief Administrative Officer	N. Poncelet, Director Water Quality- Treatment
	J. Potts, Finance Analyst

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T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer  
E. Abbott, IT Application Manager  
S. Abram, Director Finance Planning & Performance  
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst  
B. Akins, Finance Analyst  
R. Badger, Planning Manager  
S. Behunek, Public Affairs Manager  
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal  
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs  
F. Davis, Rates Manager  
N. DiMascio, Attorney

C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist  
L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant  
K. Riegle, Attorney  
U. Sharma, Treasurer  
L. Southard, Business Operations Support  
J. Taussig, Director EMSS  
J. Walter, Finance Analyst  
E. Jorgensen, South Metro Water Supply Authority  
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District  
Tim Lowe, Bancroft-Clover Water & Sanitation District

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

## 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 14, 2022**

Approved the Minutes from the September 14, 2022 Board Meeting.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

Approved the Minutes from the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting.

**3. ITEM II-B-1: APPROVAL OF 2023 RATE SCHEDULES**

Ms. Bricmont and Mr. Davis presented the 2023 Final Reading of Rates, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A.

Mr. Davis reported that the 2023 water rates reflect a 5% revenue adjustment to fund infrastructure investments and maintain, repair, protect, and upgrade the system. He stated that the average monthly increase for single family residential customers would be \$3.94 for Total Service, \$2.96 for In-City customers, and \$1.08 for Read and Bill customers. Denver Water's bills for single family households fall within the average range of bills compared with other Front Range water providers. Ms. Bricmont noted that Denver Water's typical residential bills are well below the 2.5% national affordability metric for median household income.

Mr. Lochhead referenced his ongoing discussions with Denver City Council members about Denver Water's water rate adjustment, noting Council's support for upgrading and maintaining the water system.

In response to a previous question from the Board, Ms. Bricmont provided a summary on the utilization of Denver Water's customer assistance program. She stated that 2023 will be the last year for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.

Approved the 2023 rate schedules for an annual 5% increase in water sales revenue, to be implemented on January 1, 2023.

## **POLICY MATTERS**

### **4. ITEM III-C: NATIONAL WESTERN UPDATE**

Ms. Poncelet presented the National Western Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. She provided a brief update on the site's construction progress, budget, and SPUR program, stating that the Hydro Building façade is mostly complete, interior finishes are done, and the centralized areas are nearing completion. She also remarked that Denver Water's new water quality laboratory has an innovative and flexible set-up, and will perform annual water tests, monitor water quality, and provide research and development opportunities.

She stated that overall, the project is well within budget. Supply chain issues have pushed the substantial completion date to December 5, 2022 with the grand opening anticipated in January 2023 and state certification expected in early 2023.

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:19 a.m.

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Secretary

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*Gary M. Reiff*  
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President