

**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, December 13, 2023

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, December 13, 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, President
Stephanie Donner, First 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	C. Gonzales, Internal Sr. Auditor
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Heidema, Director Engineering - Property
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	L. Kleats, Treasurer
J. Brody, General Counsel	P. Jensen, Total Rewards Manger
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	H. Judd, Organizational Improvement Facilitator
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	J. Lorton, Director Finance Reporting & Assurance
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	
T. Roode, Chief O&M Officer	

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E. Abbott, IT Solution Lead
D. Arnold, Attorney Sr.
A. Aslamy, Risk Sr. Analyst
R. Badger, Planning Manager
K. Bates, Attorney
G. Begly, Real Estate Sr. Specialist
L. Bissey, Paralegal
P. Boltres, IT Infrastructure Tech
Y. Cha, Procurement Manager
S. Coates, Division Analyst
M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
L. Duffy, Finance Sr. Analyst
H. Ego, Organizational Improvement Sr. Facilitator
D. Fairburn, Engineer
K. Forbes, Director – HR
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager

P. McCormick, Project Engineer
K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
B. Peterson, Finance Supervisor
L. Quintana, Business Operation Support
B. Ransom, Recreation Manager
J. Reich, IT Infrastructure Tech
K. Rieggle, Attorney
A. Rettig, Finance Supervisor
P. Williams, Executive Assistant
D. Winter, Director Organizational Improvement
S. Carter, Retired, Arapahoe County
J. Crockett, Jacobs
H. Crittendon LaMair, HLCC
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District
J. Walter, Finance Sr. Analyst
S. White, HLCC

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gómez called the meeting to order at 9:08 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.

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: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF CASE NO. 19CV01307 – CONTRACT 505604

Approved Contract 505604, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

2. ITEM II-A-2: RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICIES

Adopted the revisions to the Personnel Policies effective January 1, 2024.

3. ITEM II B-1: PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ARAPAHOE COUNTY – CONTRACT 505875

Mr. Roode explained that Denver Water, Arapahoe County and the High Line Canal Conservancy have reached an agreement for the purchase and sale of 47 miles of High Line Canal (HLC) property (excluding HLC property located in Eisenhower Park and Wellshire Golf Course). The agreement includes a conservation easement that will protect the HLC values of recreation, public access and permanent protection of the ecological resource.

Mr. Roode thanked members of the HLCC and Shannon Carter, former Intergovernmental Relations and Open Space Director for Arapahoe County, for their leadership and commitment.

Mr. Carter thanked the Board for its willingness to expand the HLC recreation opportunities for the community. He commented that the Board's effort is an excellent example of a utility transitioning property into something valuable for the community.

Approved declaration of certain High Line Canal property through Arapahoe, Denver, and Adams Counties as surplus, with a reservation for waterworks purposes, as it is no longer needed to be held in fee for waterworks purposes.

Approved the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Contract 505875, with Arapahoe County for the sale of the surplus High Line Canal property.

Approved delegation of authority to CEO/Manager to execute extensions of the recreation leases contemplated by the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

POLICY MATTERS**4. ITEM III-A: NORTHWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE**

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 A. He reported that the project is 88% complete with a substantial completion milestone expected in April 2024. One critical remaining step toward

completion is the transition from temporary to permanent power, anticipated on January 2, 2024, followed by a six-week installation and testing period. If all goes as planned, NTP should begin sending water to Moffat Treatment Plant in April 2024.

Mr. Salazar acknowledged the project team for its extraordinary effort on the NTP project.

Mr. Mahoney recognized and thanked Ms. Crockett for her work as owner’s representative.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

5. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Salazar reported that he will travel to Las Vegas this afternoon to attend the Colorado River Water Users Association meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:25 a.m.

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Secretary

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President