

# METRO WATER RECOVERY

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 19, 2026

The Board of Directors of Metro Water Recovery, in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, and Weld, and the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, met in regular session at 6450 York Street, Denver, Colorado, Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Chair Niyork called the meeting to order.

### 1. OATH OF OFFICE

The following Director has been appointed by his Member Municipality to complete a two-year term of office expiring June 30, 2028.

#### Appointed Director

William Starker

#### Member Municipality

Wheat Ridge Sanitation District

The following Directors have been reappointed by their Member Municipality for a two-year term of office expiring June 30, 2028.

#### Appointed Director

Mike Barrett

Joan Iler

George Mazzotti

Jamie Miller

Sarah Niyork

Jason O'Shea

Del Smith

#### Member Municipality

Crestview Water and Sanitation District

Westridge Sanitation District

North Washington Street Water and Sanitation District

North Table Mountain Water and Sanitation District

South Adams County Water and Sanitation District

City of Thornton

Bancroft-Clover Water and Sanitation District

### 2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Smith called the roll.

#### **Officers Present:**

Sarah Niyork, South Adams

Marena Lertch, Aurora\*

Janet Kieler, Denver

Chair

Chair Pro Tem

Treasurer

#### **Directors Present:**

Curt Aldstadt, Westminster

Mike Barrett, Crestview

Clint Blackhurst, Brighton

Travis Bogan, Denver\*

Nadine Caldwell, Aurora

Jolon Clark, Denver\*

David Councilman, Pleasant View

Deborah Crisp, East Lakewood\*

Bob LeGare, Aurora

Martin Majors, Fruitdale\*

George Mazzotti, North Washington Street

Jamie Miller, North Table Mountain

Josh Redman, Thornton\*

Greg Sekera, Lakewood\*

Peter Spanberger, Denver\*

William Starker, Wheat Ridge\*

Clark Davenport, Northwest Lakewood  
James DeHerrera, Aurora\*  
Lee Jones, Berkeley  
Joan Iler, Westridge  
Laura Kroeger, Lakewood

Mary Beth Susman, Denver  
Dennis Towndrow, North Pecos\*  
Dominic Vessa, Arvada\*  
Jennifer Williams, Denver\*  
Ronald Younger, Denver\*

**Directors Absent:**

Cody Berg, Applewood  
Mary Gearhart, Denver  
Craig Kocian, Arvada  
Charlie Miller, Fort Lupton

Cat Olukotun, Aurora  
Jason O'Shea, Thornton  
Del Smith, Bancroft-Clover  
Johnny Watson, Aurora

**Others Present:**

Mickey Conway  
Emily Jackson  
Liam Cavanaugh  
Molly Kostelecky  
Betsy Jarvis  
Yvonne Kohlmeier  
Lydia Nkem  
\*Attended virtually

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Chief Legal Officer  
Chief Operating Officer  
Chief Financial Officer  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Executive Assistant  
Assistant to the CEO

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.a Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on April 21, 2026

Chair Niyork asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held April 21, 2026.

CEO Conway stated the date error noted by Director DeHerrera in Item 5.a Audit Committee, Reports of Officers and Committees section of the April 21, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes has been corrected and an updated version has been distributed to directors.

Director Councilman moved and Director Susman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held April 21, 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

**5. PROGRESS AND PROJECTION REPORTS**

5.a Report by CEO

CEO Conway reviewed his written report, highlighting the success of the 2026 Spring Board Workshop, how much staff enjoy the Meet the Directors feature, gave a METRGRO Farm update stating it is wait and see if the current moisture level will help and he will follow up next month with another update, and stated due to the unexpected soaking with

recent rains, the Town and Hall Field Day scheduled for May 20, 2026 will only include the Town Hall event and food trucks portion of the event. He also mentioned the three attachments to his report: the 2027 Water Recovery Cost Summary which shows where Metro Water Recovery's money is going, noting this is good information to share with neighbors and connectors; the 2025 Year in Review which highlights the modernization done over the years at Metro; and, the two page flyer from the External Affairs Department which is full of information like upcoming events and tours.

5.b Report by Chief Legal Officer

Chief Legal Officer Jackson provided an update on the recent developments concerning a beneficiary of the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, how the Legal Department is embracing Metro Water Recovery's "Leading in a Culture of Continuous Improvement" by becoming more proficient in their processes and will update the Board through the summer, and how Director of External Affairs Erin Bertoli and Government Affairs Liaison Summer Hill pursued Metro's interest in the positive outcome of SB 26-142: Concerning the Development of Thermal Energy Resources bill. Ms. Jackson stated the court award the return of \$92,000 in fees in the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company (FRICO), Burlington Ditch Reservoir and Land Company, and Henrylyn Irrigation District case.

Ms. Jackson answered questions on the overall process now remaining in the FRICO case and how Metro Water Recovery is not a public or municipal utility and not subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission under the new SB 26-142 bill.

**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

6.a Meeting Minutes

There were no additions to the following meeting minutes:

Operations Committee	May 5, 2026
Finance Committee	May 7, 2026
Executive Committee	May 12, 2026

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.a **Hearing for Metro Water Recovery's Preliminary 2027 Budget**

Chair Niyork opened the Hearing of the Preliminary 2027 Budget at 5:55 p.m. to allow for questions and comments from holders of any security issues by Metro Water Recovery or the general public. There were no questions or comments. Chair Niyork closed the Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

7.b **Hearing for Metro Water Recovery's Amended 2026 Budget**

Chair Niyork opened the Hearing of the Amended 2026 Budget at 5:56 p.m. to allow for questions and comments from holders of any security issues by Metro Water Recovery or the general public. There were no questions or comments. Chair Niyork closed the Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

7.c **Hearing for Metro Water Recovery's Final Adjusted 2025 Annual Charges for Service**

Chair Niyork opened the Hearing of the Final Adjusted 2025 Annual Charges for Service at 5:56 p.m. to allow for questions and comments from holders of any security issues by Metro Water Recovery or the general public. There were no questions or comments. Chair Niyork closed the Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

**8. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Davenport remarked on his attendance at a recent Consolidated Mutual Water Company Board of Directors meeting noting they were a private company monopoly that buys and sells water, their Fairmount Reservoir Solar Project which uses a solar tracking system, and that they only meet once a year.

**9. OTHER INFORMATION**

Chair Niryork recognized Director Joe Drew's 13 years of service on the Metro Water Recovery's Board of Directors and how he initially began on the Board in April 1998 and left in June 2009 when the Board reapportioned, returned for a second term in June 2024, the many committees he served on, his public finance background, and previously the Executive Director of Colotrust.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Niyork adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

MC:lmnyjk

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*Sarah Niyal*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Del Smith*  
Secretary