METRO WATER RECOVERY

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 15, 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, September 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Chair Lertch 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 which expires June 30, 2027.

Appointed Director	**Member Municipality**
Travis Bogan	City and County of Denver

2. ROLL CALL

Treasurer Redman called the roll.

Officers Present:

Marena Lertch, Aurora	Chair
Del Smith, Bancroft-Clover*	Chair Pro Tem
Janet Kieler, Denver*	Secretary
Josh Redman, Thornton	Treasurer

Directors Present:

Curt Aldstadt, Westminster	Marty Majors, Fruitdale*
Julie Anderson, Denver	George Mazzotti, North Washington Street
Mike Barrett, Crestview	Sarah Niyork, South Adams
Cody Berg, Applewood*	Cat Olukotun, Aurora
Clint Blackhurst, Brighton	Jo Ann Rossi, Fort Lupton
Travis Bogan, Denver*	Greg Sekera, Lakewood
Nadine Caldwell, Aurora	Peter Spanberger, Denver
Jolon Clark, Denver*	Bud Starker, Wheat Ridge
Deborah Crisp, East Lakewood*	Mary Beth Susman, Denver
Clark Davenport, Northwest Lakewood	Dennis Towndrow, North Pecos
James DeHerrera, Aurora*	Dominic Vessa, Arvada*
Joan Iler, Westridge	Johnny Watson, Aurora*
Lee Jones, Berkeley	Jennifer Williams, Denver
Bob LeGare, Aurora	Ronald Younger, Denver*

Directors Absent:

Mary Gearhart, Denver	Jamie Miller, North Table Mountain
Craig Kocian, Arvada	Jason O'Shea, Thornton
Laura Kroeger, Lakewood	

Others Present:

Mickey Conway	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Emily Jackson	Chief Legal Officer
Liam Cavanaugh	Chief Operating Officer
Betsy Jarvis	Senior Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Kohlmeier	Executive Assistant
Lydia Nkem	Assistant to the CEO
Brittany Peshek	Legal Administrator

*Attended virtually

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on August 18, 2026

Chair Lertch asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 18, 2026.

Director Davenport moved and Director Mazzotti seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 18, 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. PROGRESS AND PROJECTION REPORTS

5.a Report by CEO

CEO Conway reviewed his written report, highlighting the Reception on the River event, hosted by The Greenway Foundation, where he gave the opening remarks and Alan Salazar, CEO/Manager of Denver Water, was the keynote speaker and thanked Board members who attended. He also appreciated Director Starker for the invitation to present at the Wheat Ridge Sanitation District's Board meeting. He gave an update on his annual goals, the progress of Metro Water Recovery's Integrative Plan, and remarked on Metro's relationship and continued support of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Director LeGare commented on how pleased he was to see Metro Water Recovery's External Affairs staff mingling with the crowd at the recent Sand Creek Regional Greenway Strategic Plan release event.

5.b Report by Chief Legal Officer

Chief Legal Officer Jackson provided an update on the recent developments concerning the Ditch Companies litigation, Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) and cybersecurity documents, attorney travel updates, progress made on her goals by attending a conference in Rhode Island, and introduced Ms. Peshek, who shared the Legal Department's standard operating procedures (SOPs) module in SharePoint that she created.

Chair Lertch and Director Niyork expressed appreciation to Ms. Peshek and the Legal team.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

6.a Meeting Minutes

There were no additions to the following meeting minutes:

Defined Benefit Retirement Board Meeting	May 21, 2026
Defined Contribution Retirement Board Meeting	May 21, 2026
Defined Benefit Retirement Board Meeting	June 4, 2026
Joint Operations and Finance Committee Meeting	September 1, 2026
Executive Committee Meeting	September 8, 2026

7. NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

7.a **Consideration of Resolution Recognizing Employees' Years of Service**

Director Sekera moved and Director Starker seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by the year ending December 31, 2026, certain employees of Metro Water Recovery will have completed five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years of faithful service on behalf of Metro Water Recovery and the people of the Denver metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, it is right and proper such loyal service be recognized by the Board of Directors on behalf of the people served by Metro Water Recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Metro Water Recovery by this resolution hereby recognizes the loyal and faithful service rendered by:

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Daniel J Lehnerz	*Sherman Papke*	*Robert Rodriguez*

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura L Cook		*Robert Magana*

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Thomas M Acampora	*Michael P Coff*	*Matthew D Duncan*
Dallas J Gavito	*Sarah A Gomez*	*Cameron Steele*
Tawnya M Thorfinson	*Brandon T Tymkovich*	*Melanie S Verke*

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

James M McNear	*Amy J Mirabile*	*Brenda L Olivas*
Renee A Paplow	*Joseph T Schroeder*	*David T Tatham*
Darwin C Verke		*William E Williams*

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael A Carney	*Liam M Cavanaugh*	*Luke E Davidsmeyer*
Ryan D Foraker	*Mark R Hofmeister*	*Jason A Menor*
Theodore D Mott	*Jordan Parman*	*William J Pieper*
Amy L Rushton	*Andrew H Tillman*	*Russell T Yurack*

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elizabeth J Arenas	*Matthew S Bradford*	*Elias B Carson*
Justin A Crandall	*Mackenzie E DeWindt*	*Victoria M Dyche*
Emily E Jackson	*Derek J Karsten*	*Kristin M Libberton*
Robert L Michael	*Patrick O Moncrief*	*Brittany N Peshek*
Christopher D Rowe	*Christeen R Thyfault*	*Jesse A Turpin*
	Jonathan R Westlund	

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Alex C Allen	*Erin L Bertoli*	*Leroy Canterbury*
Gregory J Clark	*Jamie Crowe*	*Tracy E Fielder*
Jason G Greenberg	*Jeremy J Hileman*	*Myles Howard*
Klay O Kellogg	*David C Lee*	*Natalie E Lundell*
John Magnuson	*Rudy Maltos*	*Alex L Martinez*
Daryl D Miller	*Joshua Monsrud*	*Michael Montez*
Kevin Mudrak	*Jeremy Murtaugh*	*Jason L Nelson*
Marlaina P O'Bryan	*Armando Ortega Quiroz*	*David L Prudlo*
Joseph G Sekera	*Austin D Shepherd*	*Gabriel J Sisneros III*
Miccella S Staiano		*Jordyn West*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED awards and certificates of five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years of service be tendered to the above-named employees to express the appreciation of this Board of Directors and the people whom it represents.

The motion carried unanimously.

7.b Consideration of Resolution Recognizing Directors' Years of Service

Director Sekera moved and Director Starker seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by the year ending December 31, 2026, certain members of the Board of Directors of Metro Water Recovery will have completed five, ten, and twenty-five years of faithful service on behalf of Metro Water Recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is right and proper such loyal service be recognized by the Board of Directors on behalf of the people served by Metro Water Recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Metro Water Recovery by this Resolution recognizes the loyal and faithful service rendered by:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Ronald Younger, City and County of Denver

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Joan Iler, Westridge Sanitation District

FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Clark Davenport, Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District
Jennifer Williams, City and County of Denver

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED certificates of five, ten, and twenty-five years of service be tendered to the above-named Directors to express the appreciation of Metro Water Recovery Board of Directors and the people to whom it represents.

The motion carried unanimously.

7.c Consideration of Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Contract

Director Sekera moved and Director Starker seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Metro Water Recovery, hereinafter referred to as "Metro," is a member of the Colorado Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials (MAPO), established in 1989 as a cooperative association allowing public procurement professionals to collectively issue solicitations for goods and services, and to make purchases based on existing agreements; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive solicitation process, MAPO selected Senergy Petroleum to provide fuel to MAPO members at a contracted price through July 31, 2027, requiring MAPO to re-bid the contract, under which MAPO members will then be able to enter into agreements with the selected vendor at the new contracted prices; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff recommends entering into an agreement with Senergy Petroleum, MAPO's current vendor, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium #1 Clear USLD diesel fuel (winter blend) and Clear USLD diesel fuel (standard/everyday blend) for the period from October 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, under the MAPO vendor contract; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff recommends entering into additional one-year agreements, not to exceed a total term of five years, with the vendor then under contract with MAPO to provide fuel to MAPO members; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees of Metro, after having reviewed the matter, recommend authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Senergy Petroleum, MAPO's current vendor, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium #1 Clear USLD diesel fuel (winter blend) and Clear USLD diesel fuel (standard/everyday blend) to Metro and enter into additional one-year agreements with the vendor then under contract with MAPO, not to exceed a total term of five years, if it is determined to be in the best interest of Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs with the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to enter into an agreement with the Colorado Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials (MAPO)'s current vendor, Senergy Petroleum, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium #1 Clear USLD diesel fuel (winter blend) and Clear USLD diesel fuel (standard/everyday blend) to Metro for the period of October 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized, at his discretion, to enter into additional one-year agreements, not to exceed a total term of five years, with the vendor then under contract with MAPO to provide fuel if deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be in the best interest of Metro.

The motion carried unanimously.

7.d Consideration of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) High Priority Improvements Project (PAR 1392) Work Authorization No. 2, Engineer Amendment, and Appropriation

Director Sekera moved and Director Starker seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Metro Water Recovery, hereinafter referred to as "Metro," to enter into Work Authorization 2 (WA2) to acquire equipment and material and provide construction services to address high priority heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) issues at the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility (RWHTF) as part of the HVAC High Priority Improvements Project (PAR 1392) (Project); and

WHEREAS, Metro initiated the Project study in 2020 to evaluate aging HVAC equipment at the RWHTF; and

WHEREAS, Metro, RMH Group, Inc. (RMH), and Howell Construction (Howell) have completed final design of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Metro's *Purchasing and Contracts Policy* requires the Board of Directors to approve a Work Authorization with Howell to continue work and appropriate funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees having reviewed the matter, recommend authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Enter into WA2 with Howell in an amount not to exceed $7,177,209, to acquire equipment and material and provide construction services to address high-priority HVAC issues at the RWHTF as part of the Project,

2. Amend the Professional Services Agreement with RMH in an amount not to exceed $579,900 to provide engineering services for this purpose, and

3. Appropriate $8,090,000 from the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund Capital Project Account for WA2 of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and herby is authorized to enter into Work Authorization No. 2 with Howell Construction in an amount not to exceed $7,177,209 to acquire equipment and material and provide construction services to address high priority heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) issues at the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility as part of the HVAC High Priority Improvements Project (PAR 1392) (Project); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement with RMH Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $579,900 to provide engineering services for Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the sum of $8,090,000 (100 percent) from the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund Capital Project Account be and hereby is appropriated for this purpose.

The motion carried unanimously.

7.e Consideration of Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility Biogas Utilization (PAR 1395) Work Authorization #5, Engineer Amendment, and Appropriation

Director Sekera moved and Director Starker seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Metro Water Recovery, hereinafter referred to as "Metro," to execute Work Authorization #5 (WA5) under the existing Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) Agreement with Moltz Construction, Inc. (Moltz) for the replacement of Digester 11 and 12 roofs with stainless steel covers for the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility Biogas Utilization Project (PAR 1395) (Project); and

WHEREAS, WA5 includes the replacement of Digester 11 and 12 roofs with stainless steel covers, which includes procurement of the covers and construction services; and

WHEREAS, the current Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers (Carollo) for this Project also requires an amendment for engineering services associated with the cover replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, recommend authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Execute WA5 under the existing CMAR Agreement with Moltz in the amount of $15,750,000 for the replacement of Digester 11 and 12 roofs with stainless steel covers for the Project,

2. Amend the Professional Services Agreement with Carollo in the amount of $657,000 to provide engineering services associated with the cover replacements, and

3. Appropriate $16,945,024 (100 percent) from the General Fund Capital Project Account for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute Work Authorization #5 under the existing Construction Manager-at-Risk Agreement with Moltz Construction, Inc. in the amount of $15,750,000 for the replacement of Digester 11 and 12 roofs with stainless steel covers for the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility Biogas Utilization Project (PAR 1395) (Project); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers in the amount of $657,000 to provide engineering services associated with the cover replacements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the sum of $16,945,024 (100 percent) from the General Fund Capital Project Account be and hereby is appropriated for this Project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Agenda

7.f Consideration of Determining Feasibility for the Entirety of the City of Brighton to be Included in Metro Water Recovery's Service Area

Director Susman moved and Director Niyork seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Metro Water Recovery, hereinafter referred to as "Metro," determine whether it is feasible to serve the City of Brighton (Brighton) and, if feasible, determine the terms and conditions for service; and

WHEREAS, Brighton joined Metro in 2009, however only the portion of Brighton not served by the Town of Lochbuie was memorialized in both Brighton's Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement *(Service Contract)* and its Certificate of Inclusion as being part of Metro; and

WHEREAS, Brighton now desires that its entire community be served by Metro; and

WHEREAS, under Section 513 of the Metropolitan Sewage Disposal Districts Act, for a municipality to be included within Metro, the municipality must request that Metro determine the feasibility of serving the municipality through Metro's facilities and the terms and conditions upon which the municipality may be included within Metro; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2026, Brighton requested Metro determine the feasibility of serving Brighton's entire community through its facilities and the terms and conditions for Brighton's inclusion in Metro; and

WHEREAS, after discussions with Brighton's staff, Metro staff has determined it is feasible to serve Brighton's entire community through Metro's facilities and has proposed terms and conditions for including the entirety of Brighton's community in Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, concur in the recommendation of staff that Brighton can feasibly be served by Metro's facilities and concur in the terms and conditions proposed by staff for including Brighton's entire community within Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Metro hereby determines the City of Brighton can feasibly be served by Metro's facilities and the City of Brighton can be included in the Metro service area under the terms and conditions of Section VIII of the Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement (*Service Contract*) attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Brighton.

Chair Lertch called for a roll call vote which carried with 32 Directors voting Yes:

Curt Aldstadt	Joan Iler	Greg Sekera
Julie Anderson	Lee Jones	Del Smith
Mike Barrett	Janet Kieler	Peter Spanberger
Cody Berg	Bob LeGare	Bud Starker
Clint Blackhurst	Marena Lertch	Mary Beth Susman
Travis Bogan	Martin Majors	Dennis Towndrow

Nadine Caldwell	George Mazzotti	Dominic Vessa
Jolon Clark	Sarah Niyork	Johnny Watson
Deborah Crisp	Cat Olukotun	Jennifer Williams
Clark Davenport	Josh Redman	Ronald Younger
James DeHerrera	Jo Ann Rossi	

8. DIRECTOR RECOGNITION

Chair Lertch commemorated the milestones of Directors Davenport and Williams who were presented with certificates recognizing their five years of service, Director Iler who was presented with a certificate recognizing ten years of service, and Director Younger who was presented with a certificate recognizing twenty-five years of service on the Board of Directors. She expressed appreciation for the value they bring to the Board.

Chair Lertch acknowledged Director Caldwell's birthday, sharing some of Ms. Caldwell's extraordinary volunteerism over the years.

A round of applause was given by all the Board of Directors.

9. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director LeGare expressed his appreciation of the removal of the dead ash trees surrounding the Administration Building.

Chair Lertch was impressed with the Meet the Director's article about Directors Kocian and Berg, with the staff and years of service, reflecting on their commitment to Metro Water Recovery's mission, and thanked Metro for participating in the annual Greenway Foundation's Gala on the Bridge event.

Director Davenport expressed appreciation for the number of artwork submissions received for the next utility cabinet contest.

10. OTHER INFORMATION

There was none.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lertch adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary