

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board  
August 14, 2024, Monthly Meeting Notes  
by Zoom (Online and Telephone) Only  
Open for public participation via Zoom

Board Members Present

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky, Chair  
Debra McCarty  
Tony Ewing  
Mac Williams

Others Present

Robert Ballenger  
Marcy Chestnut  
Brooke Darlington  
Andre Dasent  
Dan Cantú-Hertzler  
Adriana Gonzalez  
Daniel Gordon  
Ed Markus  
Elizabeth Scattergood  
Carl Shultz  
Deland L. Bryant – Zoom Administrator

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. Mr. Popowsky proposed that the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes for the monthly meeting held on June 12, 2024, and the special meeting held on June 26, 2024. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 12, 2024 meeting. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 26, 2024 minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0. Mr. Williams abstained from the vote since he had not been in attendance for the June 26, 2024 meeting.

2. Mr. Popowsky introduced the next item on the agenda: an authorization for Board Chair and Board Counsel to take all steps necessary under City procedures and applicable law to get Board Contracts in place for Hearing Officer, Public Advocate and Technical Consultant for the period December 2, 2024, to December 1, 2025, by renewing existing contracts and/or soliciting new contractors. Ms. McCarty moved to approve such an authorization. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Popowsky asked if the Board wanted to discuss the motion, noting that the Board has followed this procedure in the past when renewing contracts or seeking requests for proposals. Mr. Williams asked if the Board had already put the contracts out for bid. Mr. Popowsky responded that the Board put the contracts out for bid last year with a request for full proposals and subsequently entered into contracts with the three existing contractors. He further explained that, under the current contracting rules of the City, once there is a contract in place, the Board, as the representative of the City, has the authority to extend those contracts for an additional year and the Board can do that for up to five (*sic*) additional years. Mr. Popowsky explained that this would be

the first year of those extensions, should the Board choose to extend the contracts. Mr. Cantú-Hertzler clarified that the contracts can be renewed for up to four additional one-year terms, for a total contract length of five years. Ms. McCarty asked if previously contracts could only be extended with three one-year renewal terms, for a total of four years. Mr. Cantú-Hertzler confirmed this and explained that the City's policy was changed last year. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any further questions from the Board. Hearing none, he asked for a vote on the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

3. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any other matters to be brought before the Board. There were no comments from the Board members, participants, or other members of the public.

4. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ewing moved, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20PM.