

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
March 12, 2025, Monthly Public Meeting Notes
In Person (Conference Room 17D of One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street)
and by Zoom (Online and Telephone)

Board Members Present

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

Andre Dasent
Terry Davis
James Facer
Lance Haver
Ed Markus

Others Present

Alexandra Athanasiadis
Robert Ballenger
Kevin Birriel
James Burgundy
Dan Cantú-Hertzler
Marcy Chestnut
Brooke Darlington

Ryan McSherry
George Stuzen
Matthew Webster
Conner
Jeremy
Jo
Jo Anna
Deland L. Bryant (Zoom Administrator)

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

1. Mr. Popowsky asked for any corrections or additions to the draft minutes from the Board’s meeting of February 12, 2025. None were requested. Mr. Ewing moved to approved the minutes as drafted, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked for an update from the Water Department on its filing in advance of the forthcoming formal notice and then the commencement of the upcoming hearings and rate proceedings. Mr. Dasent stated that the Department was planning to file its formal notices on March 31, with some minor changes. Mr. Popowsky noted that the Board would then expect to meet around July 23 to adopt rate determinations.
3. One or more attendees via Zoom interrupted the meeting with a pornographic video feed accompanied by loud music and racial epithets. The Zoom Administrator promptly cut off and restarted the Zoom meeting soon thereafter, but the meeting was quickly interrupted in a similar manner once again.
4. After consulting with the Zoom Administrator, Mr. Popowsky suspended the meeting prematurely at about 3:30 p.m. due to the technical difficulties beyond the Board’s control, asking that counsel and the Zoom Administrator quickly find a secure means of holding hybrid and virtual meetings.