

**Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board**  
**June 11, 2025, Monthly Public Meeting Notes**  
**In Person (Room 18031, One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street)**  
**and by Zoom (Online and Telephone)**

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Madison Alldred  
Dan Cantú-Hertzler  
Marcy Chestnut  
  
Adriana Gonzalez  
Robert Ballinger  
Ryan McSherry  
Vikram Patel  
Elizabeth Scattergood  
Neal Sellers  
Keitshawna Williams  
Khadijah George (Zoom Administrator)

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

1. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board’s meeting of May 14, 2025 as drafted. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked for an update on the two pending rate proceedings.

Ms. Chestnut informed the Board that full or partial settlements have been reached in each of those two proceedings. With respect to the TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding, there was a settlement petition with no objections filed. Ms. Chestnut expects to issue her Hearing Officer Report on June 18 and any exceptions to the Hearing Officer Report are due June 25 for the Board’s consideration in July. With respect to the General Rate Proceeding, a joint petition for partial settlement was filed on May 30 and objections had been filed; main briefs were filed by the Department and PLUG, and the Public Advocate filed a letter in lieu of a main brief; and any reply briefs are due today, June 11. According to the schedule, Ms. Chestnut’s Hearing Officer Report will be issued on July 1 for the Board’s consideration in July.

Mr. Popowsky indicated that the Board’s review is a two-step process, and the Board is scheduled to meet on July 16 and July 23. On July 16, the Board will consider the substantive issues and vote on those issues in both proceedings. On July 23, the Board will vote on the final, written rate determinations, which will encompass the votes from July 16, and will then file those documents with the City’s Records Department.

Mr. Popowsky asked if any of the Members of the Board had any comments or questions as to the procedure or the status of the case. Ms. McCarty asked for clarification as to the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Popowsky indicated that there would be no Board meeting on

July 9 and the Board's next scheduled meeting would be held on July 16. Ms. McCarty asked the Hearing Officer when exceptions to the Hearing Officer Report are due in the General Rate Proceeding. Ms. Chestnut indicated these would be due July 8. Mr. Popowsky further clarified that the Hearing Officer Report would be due July 1, exceptions due July 8, and the Board will vote on the Report, those exceptions and the merits of the proposed partial settlement on July 16, with a vote on the final order on July 23.

Absent other comments or questions from Board members as to status of the two rate proceedings, Mr. Popowsky asked if any of the Participants had any comments or questions as to procedural status of the two rate proceedings. Mr. Dasent on behalf of the Water Department and Mr. Ballenger on behalf of the Public Advocate indicated that they had none. Mr. Ewing asked if the Board could get calendar invites for the July meetings. Mr. Popowsky indicated that these would be sent.

3. Mr. Popowsky next requested a Motion authorizing the Board Chair and counsel to take all steps necessary and appropriate under City procedures and applicable law to get Board contracts in place for Hearing Officer, Public Advocate and Technical Consultant in advance of anticipated 2026 rate proceedings, by amending existing contracts and/or soliciting new contractors. He indicated that this is designed to ensure the Board has contracts in place for the three contractors that the Board draws upon prior to the next round of rate proceedings. Ms. McCarty moved to authorize this request and Mr. Ewing seconded the motion. By way of background, Mr. Popowsky indicated that—under the Board's existing contracts—the Board has the authority and discretion to renew contacts for an additional year, up to a total of five years. He further indicated that the Board also has the authority to issue requests for proposals for alternative or additional contractors. He indicated that this motion will allow the Chair—on behalf of the Board—along with Board counsel, to take all steps necessary to ensure that—through one of these means or the other—the Board will have contractors in place in advance of the next set of Water Department filings. Mr. Popowsky asked if there was any discussion by Members of the Board. There was none. He asked for a vote on the matter. The Motion passed 4-0.
4. Mr. Popowsky asked the Board Members and counsel if there was any other Board business to bring before the Board. There was none.
5. Mr. Popowsky introduced a new member of the Board's staff—Khadijah George, who will be assisting the Board with procedural and administrative matters going forward.
6. 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.
7. Mr. Popowsky asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ewing moved to adjourn, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.