

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
February 11, 2026, 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
Abby Pozefsky, Secretary
McCullough “Mac” Williams III

Others Present

Ryan E. McSherry, Board Counsel
Michael
Brooke Darlington
Andre Dasent
Robert Ballenger
Carl Shultz
Adriana Gonzalez
Khadijah George (Zoom Administrator)

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

1. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board’s meeting of December 10, 2025, as drafted. Ms. Pozefsky moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

2. Mr. Popowsky asked for an update on the schedule of the upcoming 2026 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding. Mr. Dasent indicated that after speaking with the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) and its consultants, PWD expects to file advance notice on February 17, 2026, and formal notice on March 19, 2026. Mr. Dasent stated that, if all proceeds as anticipated, the rate proceeding could be completed by the end of June. Mr. Popowsky noted that the 2024 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding was completed within approximately three months. However, he indicated that additional time may be needed for the new Hearing Officer to prepare the Hearing Officer Report and assist the Board in preparing its final decision. Mr. Popowsky also stated that if the formal notice is filed on March 19, individuals wishing to participate in the proceeding would generally have seven days to request participant status. Mr. Popowsky noted that the Board retains discretion regarding the addition of participants beyond the deadline. He also indicated that the Board would issue a notice in local newspapers, which would coincide with the notice issued by PWD regarding the filing. Mr. Dasent clarified that PWD would publish the required notice but that the Rate Board typically takes the lead in coordinating the notice process. Mr. Popowsky expressed the desire to include the appropriate contact information for the Public Advocate within the notice. Mr. Ballenger indicated that he did not believe any of that information had changed but that he would confirm. Mr. Popowsky asked whether any Board members had questions regarding the anticipated schedule. There were none. Mr. Popowsky asked whether Board Counsel or Board administrative staff had anything further to add. There were no additional comments. Mr. Popowsky expressed his hope that the proceeding could be completed by the end of June.

3. Mr. Popowsky asked whether any Board members wished to raise additional matters. There were none. Mr. Ballenger asked Mr. Dasent whether PWD could provide the active Excel spreadsheets supporting the filing as soon as possible—preferably close to the filing date—to avoid the need for a discovery request. Mr. Dasent indicated that PWD had discussed that request earlier in the day and would provide the spreadsheets. Mr. Popowsky noted that the Board’s next meeting would be held on March 11. He also asked Mr. Dasent to notify him if there were any changes to the expected filing schedule, as any change to the filing date could affect the deadline for participants to register.
4. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ewing moved to adjourn, and Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.