

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
April 8, 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
Debra McCarty
McCullough "Mac" Williams III

Others Present

Ryan E. McSherry, Board Counsel
Khadijah George, Zoom Administrator
Kathryn G. Sophy, Hearing Officer
Andre Dasent
Robert Ballenger
Neal Sellers
Carl Shultz
Michael

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting of March 11, 2026, as drafted. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0, with Mr. Williams abstaining as he was not present at the March 11, 2026 meeting.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked for an update on the 2026 TAP-R Rate Proceeding. Ms. Sophy indicated that the Pre-Hearing Conference was held on April 2, 2026, and that all participants were present. She stated that the Pre-Hearing Conference Order was issued on April 6, 2026. Ms. Sophy further indicated that the Public Input Hearing and Technical Hearings would be conducted in a hybrid format. Ms. Sophy noted that one participant, Mr. Lance Haver, objected to the hybrid format and had filed an appeal, with responses due by April 13, 2026. Ms. Sophy reported that the Public Input Hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2026, and the Technical Hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2026, with an additional day reserved on May 15, 2026, if needed. Ms. Sophy further stated that she expects to issue her Hearing Officer's Report by June 10, 2026, with deliberations on June 24, 2026, and a Final Rate Determination on July 1, 2026. She also noted multiple discovery objections and one outstanding motion to compel.

3. Mr. Popowsky asked whether the Board had any questions for the Hearing Officer. There were none. He reiterated the key dates of June 24 and July 1, 2026.
4. Mr. Popowsky asked whether the Philadelphia Water Department (“PWD”) or the Public Advocate had any comments. Mr. Shultz on behalf of PWD and Mr. Ballenger on behalf of the Public Advocate indicated that they had none.
5. Mr. Popowsky encouraged participants to work cooperatively to resolve discovery disputes in a timely manner.
6. Mr. Popowsky asked whether the Board had any additional matters to raise. There were none.
7. Mr. Popowsky asked whether there was any public comment. There was none.
8. Mr. Popowsky expressed his hope that the Hearing Officer and participants would work ~~together~~ together to reach a just and reasonable result.
9. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, and Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion, which carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.
10. Mr. Popowsky noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026, and that the June 10 meeting may be canceled.