

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
May 13, 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
Vikram Patel
Brooke Darlington
Neal Sellers
Carl Shultz
Keitshawna Willaims
Michael

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

1. 1. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's meeting of April 8, 2026, as drafted. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes as drafted, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked for an update on the 2026 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding. Ms. Sophy indicated that testimony had been filed, discovery was being exchanged, and motions to compel had been filed. Ms. Sophy reported that the Public Input Hearing was held on May 7, 2026, in a hybrid format with options for both in-person and virtual participation. She indicated that the Technical Hearing was scheduled for May 14, 2026, with a resumption date scheduled for May 15, 2026, if necessary. Ms. Sophy also reported that, following the Technical Hearing, briefs would be due and that she expected to issue her report by the close of business on June 10, 2026.
3. Mr. Popowsky asked the Board Members whether they had any questions for Ms. Sophy. Ms. McCarty asked how many people attended the Public Hearing virtually. Ms. Sophy indicated that she had not taken count. Mr. Patel indicated that he counted fifteen virtual attendees. Mr. Popowsky confirmed that there were approximately fifteen virtual attendees and that the Board had also received a number of written comments from PWD customers that had been

posted on the Board's website. Mr. Ewing asked if the recording of the Public Input Hearing was available on the website. Ms. McCarty indicated that Ms. George had instructed that the recording would be available on the Board's website. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any other questions for Ms. Sophy. There were none. Mr. Popowsky then asked if the Philadelphia Water Department ("PWD") or the Public Advocate had anything to add. Mr. Dasent on behalf of PWD indicated that the exhibits for the Technical Hearing would be circulated virtually after the meeting and that PWD would have physical copies as well. Mr. Dasent reported the Public Advocate would typically do the same. Mr. Patel for the Public Advocate concurred and confirmed the exhibits would be circulated after the meeting.

4. Mr. Popowsky next addressed Lance Haver's Appeal of the Hearing Officer's Determination to Hold the hearings in the 2026 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding on a Hybrid (In Person and Virtual) Basis. Mr. Popowsky indicated that responses were filed by both the Public Advocate and PWD and that all materials were circulated to the Board. Mr. Popowsky invited discussion among the Board Members. Ms. Pozefsky stated that she was satisfied with the structure of the hearings and believed that the methods employed provided the greatest possible opportunity for public participation. Ms. McCarty concurred with Ms. Pozefsky's assessment and noted that the Appeal overlooked the fact that any member of the public who wished to attend was able to do so through both the in-person and virtual participation options. She further stated that each issue raised in the Appeal was, by its very nature, addressed by the availability of the hybrid format. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to accept or deny the Appeal. Ms. McCarty moved to deny the Appeal. Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion. Mr. Popowsky asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There was none. Mr. Popowsky asked for a vote on the motion to deny the Appeal. The Board denied the Appeal 5-0.
5. Mr. Popowsky asked if there are any additional matters the other Board members wished to bring before the Board. There were none. Mr. Popowsky asked Mr. McSherry and Ms. George to advertise future Board meetings to be held on July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, and December 9. He indicated the Board had already advertised meetings to be held on June 24 and July 1.

6. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any objections to those dates. There were none. Mr. Popowsky indicated that the dates would be advertised and any cancelations would be indicated on the Board's website.
7. Mr. Popowsky asked whether the Board had any additional matters to raise. There were none.
8. Mr. Popowsky asked whether there was any public comment. There was none.
9. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, and Mr. Ewing seconded the motion which carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.