

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
July 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
Abby Pozefsky, Secretary
Debra McCarty
McCullough “Mac” Williams III

Others Present:

Ryan E. McSherry (Board Counsel)
Khadijah George (Zoom Administrator)
Andre Dasent
Vikram Patel
Carl Shultz
Neal Sellers
Michael Miller
Adriana González
John Rossi

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

1. The first item of business concerned the Board’s contracts for the Public Advocate, the Technical Consultant, and the Hearing Officer. Mr. Popowsky explained that under these existing contracts, the Board has the authority and discretion to renew the contracts for an additional year, up to a total of five years. The Board also has the authority and discretion to issue requests for proposals for alternative or additional contractors. The contract for the Public Advocate was initially effective on December 2, 2023. It was initially renewed with an effective date of December 2, 2024. It was last renewed with an effective date of December 2, 2025. This contract is set to expire on December 1, 2026. The contract for the Technical Consultant was initially effective on December 2, 2023. It was initially renewed with an effective date of December 2, 2024. It was last renewed with an effective date of December 2, 2025. This contract is set to expire on December 1, 2026. The contract for the Hearing Officer was initially effective on January 1, 2026. This contract is set to expire on December 31, 2026.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to authorize the Board Chair and Board Counsel to renew the contracts for the Public Advocate, the Technical Consultant, and the Hearing Officer for another one-year term each, or to issue requests for proposals for alternative contractors, if necessary. Ms.

Pozefsky moved to authorize, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Ms. Pozefsky stated that the Board's contractors have provided outstanding service to both the Board and the City. The motion carried 4-0.

3. The next item of business concerned the election of Board officers. Mr. Popowsky moved to nominate Debra McCarty to serve as Chair, Tony Ewing to continue serving as Vice Chair, and Abby Pozefsky to continue serving as Secretary. Debra McCarty seconded the motion. Ms. Pozefsky, Ms. McCarty, and Mr. Dasent, expressed gratitude for Mr. Popowsky's service. Ms. Pozefsky asked whether Mr. Popowsky intended to remain on the Board following the election of new officers. Mr. Popowsky confirmed that he would continue serving as a Board Member for the remainder of his term and expressed his willingness to assist the new Board leadership in any way possible. The motion carried 4-0.
4. Mr. Popowsky asked whether there were any additional matters from the Board Members. There were none. He asked whether there were any additional matters from the Participants in the 2026 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding or from any members of the public present. Mr. Dasent stated that the Public Advocate had reviewed the Philadelphia Water Department's draft rates and charges and had no objections. Mr. Dasent explained that the next step would be obtaining the Philadelphia Water Commissioner's approval of the transmittal memorandum before filing the compliance materials with the Department of Records. Mr. Patel confirmed that the Public Advocate had no objections to the compliance filing. Mr. Popowsky also noted that the Board's Technical Consultant had reviewed the filing and had no concerns.
5. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McCarty moved to adjourn, and Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.