

Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board
Meeting Notes
7/17/17

Present:

Sonny Popowsky
Tony Ewing
Lee Huang
Folasade A. Olanipekun-Lewis
Ed Markus
Nancy Brockway (conference line)
Daniel Cantu-Hertzler

Also Attending:

Marie McNeill
Debra McCarty
Scott Schwarz
Sarah Stevenson
Ji Jun
Susan Crosby
Melissa LaBuda
Jaclyn Rogers
Lauren Curry
Michael Spielberg
Andre Dasent
Rob Ballenger

The Board voted unanimously to elect Sonny Popowsky as Chairperson, Lee Huang as Vice-Chair, and Folasade Olanipekun-Lewis as Secretary. Mr. Popowsky replaces Bernard Brunwasser as Chair. Mr. Brunwasser resigned in May.

The minutes from the April 26 meeting were adopted.

The Board will review the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for a public advocate, hearing officer and technical consultant for the next rate case before they are posted on the City's econtract website.

Community Legal Services (CLS) and the Water Department have reached some agreement on the proposed changes to the Board's regulations. Rob Ballenger distributed a memo marked with additional suggestions for improvements. Mr. Ballenger will forward his prior memos to the Board as well. Both the Water Department and CLS are in favor of including a requirement for findings of fact and conclusions of law in the hearing officer's report for the next rate case.

Rob Ballenger requested a copy of the procedural guidelines drafted by Gemela McClendon. Daniel Cantu-Hertzler stated that the Board can decide if they want the procedures made part of the regulations.

A hearing on the proposed changes to the Board's regulations will be held on September 8. Notification will be sent to participants from the previous rate case so they are aware of the planned changes.

Ed Markus will make an outline and a suggested set of questions that the Board can present to PWD in advance of the 2019 rate proceeding.

The next meeting is on August 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Planning Commission's Conference Room.