

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
August Monthly Meeting Notes
8/10/2022, by Zoom (Online and Telephone) Only
Open for public participation via Zoom

Board Members Present

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky, Chair
Tony Ewing, Vice Chair
Abby Pozefsky, Secretary
McCullough “Mac” Williams
Debra McCarty

Non-Board Members Present

Marcy Chestnut
Robert Ballenger
Andre Dasent
Megan Kester
Danielle Lavery
Daniel W. Cantú-Hertzler
Brooke Darlington
Carl Shultz
Steven Liang

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. Ms. Pozefsky, Board Secretary, introduced the draft minutes from the June 8, 2022 monthly meeting and June 15, 2022 special meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Ms. Pozefsky moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0.

2. Mr. Popowsky asked for a motion to authorize himself as Chair and Mr. Cantú-Hertzler as Board counsel to negotiate and enter into renewal amendments for a fourth year to the Rate Board’s contracts with Marlane Chestnut as Hearing Officer, Amawalk Consulting Group (Ed Markus) as Technical Consultant, and Community Legal Services as Public Advocate, permitting them to serve as needed in those positions for the term from December 2, 2022, to December 1, 2023. Mr. Ewing so moved, and Ms. McCarty seconded the motion.

To Ms. Pozefsky’s question, Mr. Cantú-Hertzler affirmed that the Rate Board should have sufficient funds for renewal in its FY 2023 budget. Mr. Popowsky also noted that this was the final year of the Board’s options to renew the contracts and that the Board would need to post Requests For Proposals for these services in time to enter into new contracts thereafter.

Ms. Pozefsky, Ms. McCarty and Mr. Popowsky praised the efforts of Mr. Ballenger for Community Legal Services, Mr. Markus, and Ms. Chestnut in the rate proceedings over the past several years. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

3. Ms. Pozefsky moved to authorize the Board to schedule monthly Rate Board meetings for the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. for the remainder of the fiscal year and to authorize Chairman Popowsky to change the dates and cancel meetings as appropriate. Mr.

Ewing seconded the motion, which was adopted 5-0. Mr. Liang was asked to advertise meetings for the following dates:

September 14, 2022
October 12, 2022
November 9, 2022
December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 8, 2023
March 8, 2023
April 12, 2023
May 10, 2023
June 14, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.