

Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board
October Monthly Meeting Notes
10/11/2023, by Zoom (Online and Telephone) Only
Open for public participation via Zoom

Board Members Present

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky, Chair
Abby Pozefsky, Secretary
Debra McCarty
Mac Williams

Others Present

Robert Ballenger
Andre Dasent
Daniel W. Cantú-Hertzler
Kevin Birriel
Carl Shultz
Deland L. Bryant

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

1. Mr. Popowsky asked Ms. Pozefsky to present the draft minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Water Rate Board. Ms. Pozefsky moved to approve the minutes, with no additions or corrections. Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 3-0 with Mr. Williams abstaining.
2. Mr. Popowsky asked Mr. Cantú-Hertzler to update the Water Rate Board Members on the Request for Proposals process for the upcoming year, starting in December 2023. The Rate Board has contracts for a Public Advocate, a Hearing Officer, and a Technical Consultant. Mr. Cantú-Hertzler stated that the Request for Proposals for a Hearing Officer had been posted to the eContract Philly website that morning; that the other two should be posted in relatively short order, that each would remain open for two to three weeks; and that he hoped that new contracts would be in place shortly after the old contracts are set to expire, or in any event around the time of the Rate Board’s meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023.
3. Mr. Popowsky suggested the Rate Board continue to hold its monthly meetings at 3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month through June 2024. No members suggested a better date and time. It was agreed that the meeting dates will be 1/10/2024, 2/14/2024, 3/13/2024, 4/10/2024, 5/8/2024, and 6/13/2024. Meetings will be advertised under the Sunshine Act and posted to the Rate Board’s website under the Meetings and Hearings tab.
4. Mr. Popowsky opened the meeting to members’ comments regarding any matters and then, there being none, to members of the public. Mr. Dasent commented that he was able to go to the City’s eContract Philly website and download the Request for Proposals for a Hearing Officer.
5. Mr. Popowsky asked if there were any other matters to be brought before the Board. There were none.
6. Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, and Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion. The Motion was approved 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.