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August 3, 2026

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile met this Monday in their regular session at 1:30 p.m. at MAWSS' Park Forest Plaza.

PRESENT:

Ms. Linda St. John, Chair
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Vice Chair
Mr. John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Commissioner
Mr. Vincent Robinson, Commissioner

Mr. Bud McCrory, Jr., Director
Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney
Mr. Douglas L. Cote
Ms. Calressia Clark
Mr. Daryl Russell
Ms. Fatima Washington

Chair St. John called the meeting to order and Commissioner Zoghby gave the invocation.

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Zoghby updated those present on topics discussed during the *Finance / Risk Management Committee Meeting;* which was held July 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The committee discussed the OPEB Actuarial Valuation which remains fully funded at this time. Jon Larsen provided the committee with a report on the OPEB Trust and Investment Portfolio.

Quarterly updates on the 2026 Budget along with the 2027 Preliminary Financial Model (*10–year review*) were assessed along with Idle Cash Funds which will be evaluated for investment opportunities. In conclusion, ACT 2026-608 was reviewed and is on today's Board agenda. If approved, the one-time payment will be processed in October 2026.

Mr. McCrory provided an update on the *Human Resources Committee Meeting* held this morning at 10:30 a.m. Cobbs Allen presented an executive summary detailing the organizations 2026 Health Insurance Plan to date. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal was shown and staff recommends holding rates for the upcoming year.

In conclusion, there were several Human Resources policies reviewed during the meeting. Those changes will be brought to the full Board at the September 2026 meeting for approval.

There were no **Visitors** present requesting an audience with the Board.

Retirees were next; Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. COREY MCCOY**, Public Service Supervisor I, on his retirement after 27 years of service to the Board and **MS. LATORIA D. MORRISETTE**, Customer Service Representative I, on her retirement after 22 years of service to the Board.

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Chair St. John presented the **Consent Agenda Items** for approval, and they are as follows:

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

A. IFB 24-033 Annual Contract – MAWSS 24018 Liquid Oxygen for CCW WWTP Budget Increase Request

B. IFB 26-014 Purchase of Three (3) Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) for Myers WTP

C. IFB 26-036 Mechanical Joint Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings – Annual Contract

D. GMC Project No. CMOB250034 Smith Primary Digester No. 1 Cover Replacement Change Order No. 3

E. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2780 2024 Annual Contract Access Roads Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance budget increase request

F. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2840 Roadway Bores additional funding request

Commissioner Drummond moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda**. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Ms. Washington approached the Board with a **presentation** detailing updated figures through July 2026 at **J. B. Converse Fishing Reservoir** *(Melvin E. Pierce Memorial Park at Fox Landing)*. The organization would like the community to understand that the main goal is to continue protecting our drinking water while expanding recreational access.

Shown below is the timeline from origin to now:

1952 – Big Creek placed into operation
1980's – Fox Landing beomes a central fishing access point
2021 – Invasive species outbreak/monitoring/treatment
February 2025 – Closure
April 2026 – New Facility opens / controlled public access *(1,800 acres are now available for usage)*

As shown, staff has initiated a model for responsible recreational activities. Public access has been increased to five days per week and the revenues indicate sustainability.

Boat maintenance, launch and bank usage will be continually monitored to evaulate costs moving forward. This will allow for accurate data should it be decided to possibly bid the operation out in the future.

At this time, staff will continue operating under controlled access while observing customer demand. Community awareness will be increased through social media marketing as well.

Ms. Washington concluded her presentation, extending thanks to all staff that were involved in bringing this endeavor to a successful launch in such a short period of time.

The **Minutes of July 6, 2026** were presented for approval. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Zoghby seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

There were no **Bid Openings** scheduled.

Legal was next, Attorney Dean stated there is one property matter appropriate for discussion in an Executive Session.

There were no items of **Unfinished Business**.

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New Business was next and they are as follows:

Item 9A **Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of ACT 2026-608 (Retiree COLA); approval is requested to provide a one-time lump sum payment in the approximate amount of $90,480 to retired members and beneficiaries**

Staff requests approval of the resolution as follows:

ACT 2026-608
(Local Unit Retirees and Beneficiaries of Deceased Retirees)
Be it resolved that the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, through its governing authority, elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 608 of the Regular Session of the 2026 Legislature.

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by this Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in October 2026.

Commissioner Drummond moved for approval; Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item 10 **Information Only Items**:

A. IFB 26-038 Purchase of Four (4) Aluminum Trench Boxes
B. IFB 26-039 Breathing Air Equipment for Myers and Stickney WTP
C. Annual Subscription of PIMS – Linko Pretreatment Software
D. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25020 – Soil Materials Supply & Disposal Schedule A & B
E. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25021 - Chlorine
F. Generator & Transfer Switch Installation at the Park Forest Payment Center
G. Professional Service – Support for I.T. Department
H. Purchase of a Replacement Stator for Eslava Creek LS156
I. Purchase of a Spare 125hp Vertical Motor for Wright Smith WWTP
J. Purchase of a Vault and Related Equipment for the Blackwell Nursery Rd. Discharge Point
K. Repair of the Secondary Pump #1 at Wright Smith WWTP – Change Order #1
L. Repair of Truck 113 for the Heavy Construction Department CC111
M. Replacement of Three (3) Barrier Gate Operators for the Shelton Beach Road Facilities Security Gates
N. Sole Source Purchase of Emerson SCADA Parts
O. GMC Project No. AMOB240078 OAA#2
P. Jacobs Project No. D3424000 Norton Lane SWAT & Lift Station Project Change Order #3
Q. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2856 Marchfield Sewer Pipe Bursting MH053-MH059
R. Consultant Project Status Reports – *June 2026*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Drummond motioned to move into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **September 14, 2026** at 1:30 p.m.

John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer