

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Nurit D. Katz	Commissioner
Richard Katz	Commissioner, President
Mia Lehrer	Commissioner
George S. McGraw	Commissioner, Vice President
Wilma Pinder	Commissioner
Priscilla Letona	Acting Assistant Board Secretary
Janisse Quiñones	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer
John A. Smith	Chief Administrative Officer
Anselmo G. Collins	Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System
Joseph M. Ramallo	Senior Assistant General Manager – Corporate Strategy and Communications
Valerie Flores	Chief Assistant City Attorney
Ann M. Santilli	Chief Financial Officer
David W. Hanson	Senior Assistant General Manager – Power System

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Dr. Frederick Pickel	Executive Director/Ratepayer Advocate, Office of Public Accountability
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ABSENT:

Chante Mitchell	Commission Secretary
Luis Gutierrez	Office of the Mayor

*The Acting Assistant Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. and made a broadcast announcement.*

A. ROLL CALL

*The Commission Secretary called roll and was answered by:*

President Richard Katz  
Commissioner Mia Lehrer  
Vice President George McGraw  
Commissioner Wilma Pinder  
Commissioner Nurit Katz

*A quorum was constituted.*

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N. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3. **DEFERRED** - Approval of Trust Funds Investment Policy for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

*Deferred at the request of Financial Services Organization.*

B. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMISSION PRESIDENT

*President Richard Katz commended LADWP personnel on working diligently to bring water back to the Palisades safely and under difficult circumstances.*

C. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

*None.*

D. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

*The Board heard comments from two speakers.*

F. COMMENTS FROM RATEPAYER ADVOCATE ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

*Dr. Pickel provided comments on Agenda item N.5.*

E. REPORT/BRIEFING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

*Ms. Quiñones reported that the Power System received a Diamond Safety Award of Excellence, and the Department received two 2024 awards for the LADWP website for Best Utility Web Design and best in user experience. She also reported that the “Do Not Drink” order has been lifted in two pressure zones.*

*Mr. Collins reported that the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is responsible for annual inspections and reporting of fire hydrants, and LADWP is responsible for repairs and replacements. The February 14, 2025, report received from LAFD stated that 1350 hydrants were flagged for repair and 150 repairs have been completed. The “Do Not Drink” order has been lifted in two pressure zones. The public can access information on the “Do Not Drink” order through multiple channels, including [www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com), customer service, door hangers, community meetings, and on the LADWP Service Area Do Not Drink Water GIS map of the affected areas.*

*Mr. Hanson reported that 695 power poles have been replaced in the Palisades. On March 1, 2025, Palisades Recreation Center will be open to the public for residents affected by the Palisades fire to meet with vendors and explore options for restoring services to their homes.*

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G. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Written recommendations as approved by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer, transmitting the below Resolutions, and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

The Board consented to the adoption of two Resolutions for items N.5 and N.6 with the following votes:

Moved by: Vice President McGraw  
Seconded By: Commissioner Katz

Ayes: Commissioners Katz, Katz, Lehrer, McGraw,  
and Pinder

Nays: None  
Absent: None

*Motion carried.*

N. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 025 150-** Approval of Agreement No. 47870 for Design, Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Services to Upgrade the McCullough-Victorville Transmission Lines 1 and 2 Project with Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC.

*Resolution attached.*

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 025 151-** Approval of Participation in Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Reverse Cyclic Program.

*Resolution attached.*

K. MINUTES

The Board consented to the approval of the Minutes for the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting with the following votes:

Moved by: President Katz  
Seconded By: Vice President McGraw

Ayes: Commissioners Katz, Katz, Lehrer, McGraw,  
and Pinder

Nays: None  
Absent: None

*Motion carried.*

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G. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Written recommendations, as approved by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer, transmitting the below Resolutions, and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

The Board consented to the adoption of four Resolutions for items N.1, N.2, N.4, and N.7, with the following votes:

Moved by: Commissioner Katz  
Seconded By: Commissioner Pinder

Ayes: Commissioners Katz, Katz, Lehrer, McGraw,  
and Pinder

Nays: None  
Absent: None

*Motion carried.*

N. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 025 152** – Approval of First Amendment to Agreement No. 47815-4 between the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Saul Ewing, LLP. The proposed budget for the Agreement remains at \$585,000.

*Resolution attached.*

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 025 153** - Approval of Agreement No. 47878 for Legal Services Agreement between the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

*Resolution attached.*

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20296** - Approval of Contract No. 625 for Alternative Material Distribution Poles and Crossarms with Wesco Distribution Inc. The Contract is for a term of one year with two one-year optional renewal periods, for an estimated expenditure of \$56,746,821, and an amount not to exceed \$70,933,527.

*Resolution attached.*

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 025 154** - Approval of Motion brought forth by Vice President George S. McGraw regarding the January 7, 2025, wildfires.

*Resolution attached.*

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M. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IMPACT STATEMENTS

*One Community Impact Statement was received from the North Westwood Neighborhood Council. No representative from this Neighborhood Council was present to speak. This Community Impact Statement was published on LADWP.com for public record and was included in the Commissioner's briefing materials.*

H. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

*None.*

I. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

*None.*

J. FILED ITEMS

1. LADWP Spending Through the Southern California Public Power Authority

*Item J.1 was presented to the Board by the Commission Secretary and ordered filed.*

L. INTRODUCTION OF MOTIONS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

*None.*

*At 12:03 P.M. the Board recessed into Closed Session.*

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
12:03 P.M.

PRESENT:

Nurit D. Katz	Commissioner
Richard Katz	Commissioner, President
Mia Lehrer	Commissioner
George S. McGraw	Commissioner, Vice President
Wilma Pinder	Commissioner
Janisse Quiñones	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer
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*At 12:30 P.M. the Board recessed into Open Session.  
At 12:32 P.M. the Regular meeting reconvened.*

In accordance with Section 54957.1 of the California Government Code, the following is a public report of all actions taken by the Board during Closed Session, including the vote of each member present:

O. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the California Government Code)

*Carlos Flores v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,  
Claim No: 2006-00889, Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board  
Case No. ADJ808178.*

The Board consented to the adoption of the approval of a claim for \$896,835, with the following votes:

Moved by:	President Katz
Seconded By:	Vice President McGraw
Ayes:	Commissioners N. Katz, R. Katz, Lehrer, McGraw, and Pinder
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

*Motion carried.*

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P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President R. Katz, with unanimous consent of the Board ordered the meeting adjourned at 12:33 P.M.

SIGNED:

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SECRETARY

ATTEST:

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PRESIDENT