

**CITY OF DEARBORN
WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (WSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
Dearborn Public Works Administration Training Room
3:00 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Board Attendance	Present	Absent	Term End Date
Mayor Abdullah Hammoud		X	Indefinite
Timothy Hawkins, Chairperson, Mayor Appointment	X		6/30/2025
Nicole Golich, Secretary, Mayor Appointment	X		6/30/2025
Soud El-Jamaly, Mayor Appointment	X		6/30/2026
Sam Smalley, Council Appointment	X		6/30/2026
Claudia Walters, Mayor Appointment	X		6/30/2025
Daniel Hensley Alford, Mayor Appointment	X		6/30/2026
Ali Abazeed, Mayor Appointment		X	6/30/2026

Other Attendance	Present	Absent
Bradley Mendelsohn, Deputy Counsel	X	
Mark Gaworecki, City Infrastructure Manager	X	

Roll Call Time: 3:14 pm

Quorum Met (Needs 3 attending members for a quorum): Yes

1. Consideration of approval of previous meeting minutes.

Motion by: Samuel Smalley

Support by: Daniel Hensley Alford

Roll-Call Vote

Unanimous

2. Update on Lead Line Replacement

A total of 440 lead service line replacements have been completed this year. Tim Hawkins stated that the City continues to actively pursue grants and funding opportunities to support our unfunded mandate for lead line replacement.

Tim reported that the Annual Water Quality Report confirms we remain below the 15 parts per billion (ppb) threshold. Sam Smalley added that our lead levels for 2025 are currently 12 ppb, noting that Detroit has reduced theirs to 7 ppb.

Dearborn has approximately 7,000 lead service lines remaining. No lead lines have been found in homes built after 1960; ongoing potholing efforts continue to confirm this. Our ArcGIS mapping system has been fully updated to reflect current data.

Soud noted that lead service line replacement is occurring citywide and is largely dependent on the age of each home. Crews review tap cards and construction years to determine risk. Areas where replacements have occurred also had water main upgrades, and the City maintains complete records up to the property line.

Tim also shared that the City digitized its tap card records through the OHM grant. Claudia, Sam, and Dan routinely review the ArcGIS virtual map available on the City's website to track updates.

Claudia raised a question regarding page 4 of the Water Quality Report, noting several samples that exceeded limits. Staff confirmed that when this occurs, replacements are completed immediately.

Tim explained that required notification letters—sent annually per EGLE regulations—can cause concern among residents, but they are precautionary in nature. Dearborn sends two letters per year, similar to Detroit. Sam added that all unknown service lines are treated as lead unless proven otherwise.

3. Other Business Items

Water Affordability:

Sam discussed water affordability charges and how these could assist residents while helping support infrastructure needs.

Wastewater Licensing:

Sam shared that EGLE now requires licensing for Wastewater Collection Systems. A related webinar will take place on November 20th.

LCRI vs. LCRR:

Sam noted ongoing discussions regarding potential changes from the federal 10% replacement requirement to the Michigan 5% requirement. If the LCRI standard is adopted, Dearborn will need to seek additional funding to meet replacement obligations.

Future Meetings:

Tim announced that going forward, the group will transition to one annual meeting per year.

4. Next meeting

October 21, 2026 at 3pm

5. Public Comments

N/A

6. Meeting Adjourned 3:36pm

Motion by:

Support by:

Roll-Call Vote

Nicole Golich

Dan Hensley Alford

Unanimous