

**VALPARAISO CITY UTILITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**January 27, 2026**

**VCU Board of Directors**

**President**

*John S. Walsh*

*Appointed by Mayor J. Costas  
Term 07.01.2024 to 06.30.2028*

**Vice President**

*Kari Bennett*

*Appointed by Mayor J. Costas  
Term 07.01.2024 – 06.30.2028*

**Secretary**

*Rod Gayda*

*Appointed by Mayor M. Murphy  
Term 07.01.2023 to 06.30.2027*

**Treasurer**

*Tom Gooding*

*Appointed by Mayor J. Costas  
Term 07.01.2025 to 06.30.2029*

**Assistant Secretary**

*Jeff Lamb*

*Appointed by Mayor M. Murphy  
Term 07.01.2023 to 06.30.2027*

**Attorney**

*Michael Langer*

**Leadership Team**

**Executive Director of  
Public Works & Utilities**

*Steve Poulos*

**VCS Executive Administrator**

*Jackie Algozine*

**Deputy City Services Director**

*Matt Zurbriggen*

**VCU Chief Financial Officer**

*Carla Platipodis*

**VCU Operations & Maintenance  
Director**

*Shihua Chen*

**VCU Field Services Director**

*Nate McGinley*

**Engineering Director**

*Max Rehlander*

**Assistant VCU Collections &  
Distribution Manager**

*Mike Steege*

**WRD Superintendent**

*Paul Scott*

**VCS Public Works Manager**

*Katie Travis*

**GIS Coordinator &  
Database Administrator**

*Emily Reyna*

The Valparaiso City Utilities Board of Directors will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. This meeting will be held in the VCU Board Room at 205 Billings Street and will be open to the public. Please email any comments or questions regarding the agenda items below to [jalgozine@valpo.us](mailto:jalgozine@valpo.us) prior to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2026, Board Meeting
2. Approval of Claims
3. 2026 Approval of Insurance Renewal (Platipodis)
4. 2026 Approval of Public Official Bond (Platipodis)
5. 2026 Approval of 2026 Blanket Bond (Platipodis)
6. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sewer Adjustments (Platipodis)
7. Piping Replacement for Heritage Valley Lift Station (Chen)
8. Request LARE Grant Application Approval – Beauty Creek Watershed (Rehlander)
9. Westwind Subdivision Phase 2B–Contractor Water Agreement (McGinley)
10. Westwind Subdivision Phase 2B – Developer Water Agreement (McGinley)
11. Meridian Road Force Main Relocation Division A – Award Recommendation (McGinley)
12. Meridian Road Force Main Relocation Division A – Contract Approval (McGinley)
13. Park Wells – Design Request (Zurbriggen)

**Staff Reports:**

**Next Board Meeting:**

**February 10, 2026**