

**ANNUAL RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District, City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, Colorado, held at 6:30 P.M., on Thursday, November 9, 2023, via video conference at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81641233793?pwd=REtUZXPecWdoNzM0dFd5cjgxe> and via telephone conference at Dial-In: 1-719-359-4580, Meeting ID: 816 4123 3793, Passcode: 683527, at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District (the “District”) was organized as a special district pursuant to an Order of the District Court in and for the County of Arapahoe, Colorado, dated December 3, 1999 and is located within the City of Aurora, Arapahoe County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (collectively referred to as the “Board” or individually as “Director(s)”) has a duty to perform certain obligations in order to assure the efficient operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-306, C.R.S. requires the District to file a current, accurate map of its boundaries with the County Assessor, County Clerk and Recorder and the Division of Local Government (the “Division”) on or before January 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Sections 24-10-109 and 24-32-116, C.R.S. require that the District provide its name, its principal address and/or mailing address, the name of its agent and the agent’s mailing address to the Department of Local Affairs (the “Department”) and keep such information updated regularly; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-809, C.R.S. requires that the Board provide notice, containing certain information about the District, to the eligible electors of the District no more than sixty (60) days prior to and not later than January 15; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-104(2), C.R.S. requires that the District, on or before January 15, file a copy of the notice required by Section 32-1-809, C.R.S. with the Board of County Commissioners, the County Assessor, the County Treasurer, the County Clerk and Recorder in each county in which the District is located, the governing body of any municipality in which the District is located and the Division; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado, Sections 29-1-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., requires the Board to hold a public hearing on proposed budgets and amendments thereto, to adopt budgets and to file copies of the budgets and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-205(1), C.R.S. requires the District to file a current list of all contracts in effect with other political subdivisions within thirty (30) days of receiving a request therefor from the Division; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Public Securities Information Reporting Act, Sections 11-58-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., issuers of nonrated public securities shall make public within sixty (60) days following the end of each of such issuer's fiscal year, an annual information report or reports with respect to any of such issuer's nonrated public securities which are outstanding as of the end of each such fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 29-1-604(1), C.R.S., if expenditures and revenues of the District are not in excess of \$100,000, the District may file an application for exemption from audit with the State Auditor; or in accordance with Section 29-1-604(2)(b), C.R.S., if expenditures and revenues of the District for any fiscal year are at least \$100,000, but not more than \$750,000, the District may file an application for exemption from audit with the State Auditor; or in accordance with Section 29-1-603, C.R.S., the Board shall cause to be made an annual audit of the financial statements of the District for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, Article 13 of Title 38, C.R.S., requires that governmental subdivisions, if applicable, file an annual report listing unclaimed property with the State Treasurer by November 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-103(15), C.R.S., the legal notices of the District must be published one time, in one newspaper of general circulation in the District, and if there is not one such newspaper of general circulation, then in one newspaper in each county in which the District is located and in which the District also has fifty (50) or more eligible electors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24-6-402(2)(c)(I), C.R.S., the Board shall annually designate at the first regular meeting of the calendar year a posting place within the boundaries of the District for posting of notices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 32-1-903(2), 24-6-402(2)(c)(I) & (III), and 32-1-903(6)(c) C.R.S., in addition to any other means of full and timely notice, the Board shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice of a public meeting, including an annual meeting, if the Board posts the notice on a public website of the District or in the designated public place within District boundaries, no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-903(1), C.R.S. requires that the Board shall meet regularly at a time and location to be designated by the Board and such location may be physical, telephonic, electronic, other virtual place, or combination of such means where a meeting can be attended; provided that meetings that are held solely at physical locations must be held at physical locations that are within the boundaries of the District or within the boundaries of any county in which the District is located, in whole or in part, or in any county so long as the meeting location does not exceed twenty (20) miles from the District boundaries, unless the proposed change of location for a meeting appears on the Board agenda of a meeting and a resolution is adopted stating the reason for which meetings of the Board are to be held in a physical location other than under the provisions of Section 32-1-903(1.5), C.R.S. and further stating the date, time and physical location of such meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-904, C.R.S., the office of the District shall be at some fixed place to be determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-901(1), C.R.S., each Director, within thirty (30) days after his or her election or appointment to fill a vacancy, shall take an oath or affirmation in accordance with Section 24-12-101, C.R.S., and the oath must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, and in accordance with Section 32-1-901(1), C.R.S. with the Clerk of the Court and with the Division; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-1-901(2), C.R.S., at the time of filing said oath, there shall also be filed for each Director a bond; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 24-14-102(2), C.R.S., the District may, in lieu of the required bond, purchase crime insurance to protect the District from any dishonesty, theft, or fraud; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-902(1), C.R.S., the Board shall elect one of its members as chairman of the Board and president of the District, one of its members as a treasurer of the Board and District, and a secretary who may be a member of the Board, or the secretary and treasurer may be one individual, who in such case is a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Directors may receive compensation for their services subject to the limitations imposed by Section 32-1-902(3)(a), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Directors are governed by Section 32-1-902(3)(b), C.R.S., which requires any Director to disqualify himself or herself from voting on an issue in which he or she has a conflict of interest, unless the Director has properly disclosed such conflict in compliance with Section 18-8-308, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Directors are governed by Section 32-1-902(4), C.R.S., which requires any Director who owns undeveloped land that constitutes at least twenty percent (20%) of the territory included in the District to properly disclose such fact in compliance with Section 18-8-308, C.R.S. before each meeting of the Board, and such disclosure must be entered into the minutes of such meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(o), C.R.S. the Board has the power to authorize the use of electronic records and electronic signatures and adopt rules, standards, policies, and procedures for use of electronic records or signatures in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, Sections 24-71.3-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24-72-204.5, C.R.S., should the District operate or maintain an electronic mail communications system, the Board must adopt a written policy on any monitoring of electronic mail communications and the circumstances under which it will be conducted; and

WHEREAS, Sections 32-1-1604 and 32-1-1101.5(1), C.R.S. require the District to issue notice of the authorization or incurrence of general obligation indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners of each county in which the District is located or the governing body of the municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District and to record such notice with the Clerk and Recorder in each county in which the District is located within thirty (30) days of incurring or authorizing such indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-1101.5(1), C.R.S. requires the District to certify the results of ballot issue elections to incur general obligation indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners of each county in which the District is located or to the governing body of a municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District within forty-five (45) days after the election, or at least thirty (30) days before issuing any general obligation debt if not previously certified, and requires the District to file a copy of such certificate with the Division of Securities within that timeframe; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-1-1101.5(1.5), C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of a municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District may require the District to file an application for the quinquennial finding of reasonable diligence; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-1-207(3)(c), C.R.S., and unless otherwise waived or requested by an earlier date, any special district created after July 1, 2000, must electronically file an annual report for the preceding calendar year by October 1st with the governing body that approved the service plan or, if the jurisdiction has changed due to the annexation into a municipality, the current governing body with jurisdiction over the District, the Division, the State Auditor, and the County Clerk and Recorder, and make the same available on the website of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Sections 24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., the Board is granted the authority to obtain insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Open Meetings Law at Section 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(A), C.R.S. specifies that discussions that occur in an executive session of a local public body shall be electronically recorded; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(E), C.R.S., such electronic recording of executive sessions shall be retained for at least ninety (90) days after the date of the executive session; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Public Deposit Protection Act, Sections 11-10.5-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., the Board shall designate an official custodian with plenary authority to deposit public funds in any bank which has been designated by the Colorado Banking Board as an eligible public depository; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-1-104.8, C.R.S., the District must record a public disclosure document and a map of the boundaries of the District with the Clerk and Recorder

of each county in which the District is located at any time that an order or decree confirming the inclusion of real property into the District is recorded; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-1-104.5, C.R.S., (1) within one year of the date an order and decree has been issued by a district court for a newly organized metropolitan district; or (2) for all metropolitan districts organized after January 1, 2000, by January 1, 2023, such metropolitan district, shall establish, maintain and annually update an official website containing specific information as set forth in Section 32-1-104.5(3)(a), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, elections may be held pursuant to the Special District Act, Article 1 of Title 32, C.R.S.; the Uniform Election Code of 1992, Articles 1 to 13 of Title 1, C.R.S.; and the Colorado Local Government Election Code, Article 13.5 of Title 1, C.R.S., for the purpose of (1) electing members of the Board; and (2) presenting certain ballot questions to the eligible electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1-1-111(2), 1-13.5-108 and 32-1-804(2), C.R.S. provide that all powers and authority granted to the Board may be exercised by a “Designated Election Official” designated by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board directs the District’s engineer to prepare an accurate map in accordance with the standards specified by the Division or directs legal counsel to prepare a letter asserting there have been no changes in the boundaries of the District, as applicable, for filing with the County Assessor, County Clerk and Recorder and the Division as required by Section 32-1-306, C.R.S on or before January 1.
2. The Board directs legal counsel to notify the Department of the District’s name, principal address and/or mailing address, agent’s name and agent’s mailing address in accordance with Sections 24-10-109 and 24-32-116, C.R.S.
3. The Board directs legal counsel to: (1) provide notice, containing certain information about the District, to the eligible electors of the District, not earlier than November 16 and not later than January 15, in one or more of the ways set forth in Section 32-1-809(2), C.R.S; and (2) in accordance with Section 32-1-104(2), C.R.S., file a copy of the notice with the Board of County Commissioners, County Assessor, County Treasurer, County Clerk and Recorder’s Office in each county in which the District is located, the governing body of any municipality in which the District is located and with the Division. The Board further directs that a copy of the notice shall be made available for public inspection at the principal business office of the District.
4. The Board directs the accountant/treasurer for the District to submit a proposed budget to the Board by October 15; to schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget; to prepare a final budget, including any resolutions adopting the budget,

appropriating moneys and fixing the rate of any mill levy; to prepare budget resolutions, including certification of mill levies and amendments to the budget if necessary; to certify the mill levies on or before December 15; and directs legal counsel to file the approved budgets and amendments thereto with the proper governmental entities not later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the fiscal year of the budget adopted, in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado.

5. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare and file a current list of all contracts in effect with other political subdivisions with the Division within thirty (30) days of receiving a request therefor from the Division, if applicable.
6. The Board directs the accountant to prepare and file the annual public securities report for nonrated public securities issued by the District with the Department within sixty (60) days following the end of the District's fiscal year, if applicable.
7. The Board directs the accountant to file either an application for exemption from audit with the State Auditor within three (3) months after the close of the District's fiscal year, or that an audit of the financial statements is prepared and submitted to the Board within six (6) months after the close of the District's fiscal year. Further, the Board directs that the audit report be filed with the State Auditor within thirty (30) days after the Board's receipt of the audit report from the auditor.
8. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare the Unclaimed Property Act report and forward to the State Treasurer by November 1, if applicable.
9. The Board designates the *Sentinel* as a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the District or in the vicinity of the District if none is circulated within the District, and directs that all legal notices shall be published in accordance with applicable statutes in the *Sentinel*.
10. The Board designates the URL Domain www.SHWMD.org, as the District's official website and posting place for notices of meetings in 2024 pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(2)(c) and 32-1-104.5, C.R.S. and ratifies their designation of <https://sterlinghillswestmd.colorado.gov/>, as the posting place for notices of meetings in 2023 for purposes of Sections 24-6-402(2)(c) and 32-1-104.5, C.R.S. Further, in compliance with Section 24-6-402(2)(III), C.R.S., the Board designates corner of Sterling Hills Parkway and Tower Road, as the public place within the boundaries of the District at which it may post notices of meetings if it is unable to post a notice on the District's official website. The Notice shall also be sent to the City of Aurora three (3) days before any regular or special meeting, per the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Aurora and the District, dated February 10, 2000, as amended.
11. The Board directs management to maintain and update the official website of the District in compliance with Section 32-1-104.5(3)(a), C.R.S.

12. Emergency meetings may be called without notice, if notice is not practicable, by the president of the Board or any two (2) Directors in the event of an emergency that requires the immediate action of the Board in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the property owners and residents of the District. If possible, notice of such emergency meeting may be given to the Directors of the Board by telephone or whatever other means are reasonable to meet the circumstances of the emergency, and shall be provided to the public via any practicable means available, *if any*, including, but not limited to, posting notice of such emergency meeting on the District's website, if any. At such emergency meeting, any action within the power of the Board that is necessary for the immediate protection of the public health, safety and welfare may be taken; provided however, that any action taken at an emergency meeting shall be ratified at the first to occur: (a) the next regular meeting of the Board, or (b) the next special meeting of the Board.

13. The Board determines to hold regular meetings on the second Thursdays of March, June, August, and November, at 6:30 P.M., via online meeting as follows:

Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88426519837?pwd=MtqxBCOrtXOkiecaGjgGDt1b231eF.1>

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Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., via Zoom:

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Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., via Zoom:

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Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., via Zoom:

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The Board directs those notices of all meetings must include the method or procedures, including the conference number and/or link, by which members of the public can attend the meeting. Any additional means of public participation, if any, will also be designated on the meeting agenda.

14. Pursuant to Section 32-1-904, C.R.S., the Board determined that the office of the District shall be at the offices of Colorado District Management & Operations, Ltd., 1100 Johnson Road, #17477, Golden, Colorado 80401.
15. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare, administer and file an oath or affirmation in accordance with Sections 32-1-901 and 24-12-101, C.R.S. In addition to the oath or affirmation, the Board directs legal counsel to procure either crime insurance in accordance with Section 24-14-102(2), C.R.S. or a bond for each Director as required by Section 32-1-901, C.R.S. in the total amount of \$10,000, and to file copies of the crime insurance or bond with the Clerk of the Court and the Division.
16. The Board hereby elects the following officers for the District:

President/Chairman:	Juliet Uhlott
Treasurer:	Michael Lenz
Secretary:	Alberteen Ransom
Assistant Secretary:	CJ Matthews
17. The Board directs that each Director may receive compensation for services as Directors in accordance with Sections 32-1-902(3)(a)(I) & (II), C.R.S.
18. The Board has determined that when so directed by one or more Directors legal counsel will file conflict-of-interest disclosures provided by Directors with the Secretary of State seventy-two (72) hours prior to each meeting of the Board. In addition, written disclosures provided by Directors required to be filed with the governing body in accordance with Section 18-8-308, C.R.S. shall be deemed filed with the Directors of the District when filed with the Secretary of State.
19. The Board authorizes the use of electronic records and electronic signatures. Use of electronic records and electronic signatures, when conducting transactions and in relation to the administration of the affairs of the District, will be performed and governed in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Sections 24-71.3-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.
20. The Board does not operate or maintain an electronic mail communication system devoted to the District but recognizes that its Directors and consultants may utilize electronic mail to conduct matters on behalf of the District and that such communications may be a public record under the Colorado Open Records Act and may be subject to public inspection under Section 24-72-203, C.R.S.

21. The Board directs legal counsel to issue notice of indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners or to the governing body of the municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District, as applicable, and to record such notice with the County Clerk and Recorder in each county in which the District is located within thirty (30) days of incurring or authorizing any indebtedness in accordance with Sections 32-1-1604 and 32-1-1101.5(1), C.R.S. The Board also directs legal counsel to certify the results of any ballot issue election to incur general obligation indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners of each county in which the District is located, to the governing body of a municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District, as applicable, and the Division of Securities within forty-five (45) days after such election, or at least thirty (30) days before the District's issuance of any general obligation debt if not previously certified, in accordance with Section 32-1-1101.5(1), C.R.S.
22. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare and file, if requested, the quinquennial finding of reasonable diligence with the Board of County Commissioners or to the governing body of a municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval of the District, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32-1-1101.5(1.5), C.R.S.
23. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare and file an annual report as required under the Service Plan for the District and Section 32-1-207(3)(c), C.R.S., as applicable.
24. The District is currently a member of the Special District Association ("SDA") and insured through the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool. The Board directs the District's accountant to pay the annual SDA membership dues and insurance premiums in a timely manner and complete all necessary conditions of the third-party insurance agent, as applicable. The Board will review all insurance policies and coverage in effect to determine appropriate insurance coverage is maintained, at least biannually.
25. The Board directs the custodian of all electronic recordings of executive sessions to retain all electronic recordings of executive sessions for purposes of the Colorado Open Meetings Law for ninety (90) days after the date of the executive session. The Board further directs the custodian to systematically delete all recordings of executive sessions made for purposes of the Colorado Open Meetings Law at its earliest convenience after the ninetieth (90th) day after the date of the executive session.
26. The Board hereby designates the District's accountant as its official custodian over public deposits in accordance with Sections 11-10.5-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.
27. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare the special district public disclosure statement in accordance with Section 32-1-104.8, C.R.S. and record the statement with the County Clerk and Recorder at any such time as a decree or order of inclusion of real property into the District's boundaries is recorded.

28. Kayla M. Enriquez, of Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C., is hereby appointed as the “Designated Election Official” of the Board for any elections to be held during 2024 and any subsequent year unless another Designated Election Official is appointed by resolution. The Board hereby grants all powers and authority for the proper conduct of the election to the Designated Election Official, including, but not limited to, appointing election judges, appointing a canvass board, cancelling the election, if applicable, and certifying election results.

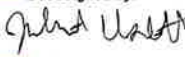
29. The Board hereby authorizes legal counsel, the District manager, and District accountant to use the District’s name and a brief description of the work performed for the District for marketing purposes, including identifying the District in presentations, proposals, and publications, provided that no confidential information about the District is revealed.

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Whereupon a motion was made and seconded, and upon a majority vote this Annual Resolution was approved by the Board.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

STERLING HILLS WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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Juliet Uhlott, President

ATTEST:

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Alberteen Ransom, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Alberteen Ransom, Secretary of the Board of the Sterling Hills West Metropolitan District, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is a true copy from the records of the proceedings of the Board of said District, on file with Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C., general counsel to the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District, at the County of Arapahoe, Colorado, this 9th day of November 2023.

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Alberteen Ransom

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Alberteen Ransom, Secretary

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