

Date and Time:	Public Utilities Commission Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.	
Location:	Hybrid: Zoom/500 Second Line East	
Members Present:	Mark Howson – Chair	Sandra Hollingsworth
Staff Present:	Rob Brewer Mark Faught Orlan Euale J. Happl	Jairus Patterson Stephanie Morin Sarah McLeod
Guests:	T. Cecchetto, KPMG	
Absent:	Musa Onyuna	Corey Gardi

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

M. Howson called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a **MOTION** moved by S. Hollingsworth, seconded by M. Howson, and carried:
The Commission approved the agenda as presented.

3.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

4.0 SAFETY MOMENT

O. Euale presented a safety moment concerning the application ‘What 3 Words’, a global positioning system that has been utilized by local law enforcement and beyond locating missing people.

5.0 OPEN SESSION MINUTES – November 27, 2025

The motion has been deferred until quorum is reached.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None noted.

7.0 OPEN SESSION ITEMS

7.1 Audited Financial Statements

T. Cecchetto, of KPMG, joined the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

She noted that the Risk & Resources Committee met on March 25, 2026, and reviewed the PUC Group of Companies draft statements. The audit findings report was presented to the Commission.

It was agreed that the resolution to approve the audited financial statements and the audit findings report could be circulated via email, with April 30th as the approval date.

Questions/ Discussion

M. Faught commented that it was a positive year, the audit was clean, and congratulated O. Euale and the team for their efforts.

7.1 Q1 Financial Results

M. Faught presented the Q1 financial results he highlighted that for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, the Commission reported a YTD operating surplus of \$2.1M, exceeding the budget by \$17.5k. Total revenue was slightly below budget due to timing and lower interest earnings, while operating expenses were reduced thanks to lower watermain maintenance costs; capital expenditures totaled \$514k, mainly for customer demand and GIS network migration projects.

Questions/ Discussion

It was agreed that the resolution to accept the Q1 financial results as information could be circulated via email, with April 30th as the approval date.

7.2 DWQMS Report to Owner

J. Happl delivered the Owner's Report, which was published in March for the Commission. She reported that the system maintained full compliance throughout 2025. An annual summary report was prepared for the Commission and made available to the public on the website. Inspection and audit findings were reviewed in detail, and notable system improvements and capital projects were highlighted.

Questions/ Discussion

The Commission and staff engaged in a discussion regarding the Calgary water system, focusing on the one-pipe water system, ERM, and highlighting the advantages offered by our well-sites.

7.3 2026 Scorecard

O. Euale delivered a presentation on the 2026 corporate scorecard, which was developed in alignment with Sections 3 and 4 of the MOMA agreement between the Commission and Services.

Questions/ Discussion:

None noted.

7.5 Operations Report

O. Euale delivered the Operations Report, noting that despite a harsh winter, YTD, there have been 38 watermain breaks, aligning with historical trends, and there were three incidents of frozen surfaces. The unidirectional flushing program and hydrant flow testing are scheduled to begin next week. Notifications will be posted on both the website and through media channels, with a press release planned for distribution in SooToday.

Additionally, the team is currently exploring alternative chemical treatment methods, which are expected to enhance operational processes and reduce overall chemical expenses.

Regarding capital projects, the lining program includes 1.7 km of SIPP and CIPP, and the GIS initiative is nearing completion on the water side.

Questions/ Discussion:

The Commission discussed the potential applications of AI within the water system, exploring how emerging technologies could enhance operations and efficiency in the future.

7.6 President's Report

R. Brewer presented the presidents report highlighting the Public Utilities Commission health and safety and financial Q1 results, as well as the corporate and community efforts that are ongoing.

Questions/Discussion:

None noted.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

R. Brewer addressed the PUC Distribution Inc. disaster recovery initiative, noting the Commission's involvement as the asset owner in coordination with the service provider. For this, the Commission must designate a representative and alternate to ensure effective information flow. This decision will be finalized when quorum is achieved and will be incorporated into the MOMA. The goal is to complete this process by fall.

10.0 Next Meeting – October 1, 2026

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION**, moved by M. Howson seconded by S. Hollingsworth and carried:
The Open meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.



12.0 CLOSED SESSION

None required.

M. Howson adjourned the meeting at 1:21 pm.

Chair

Secretary

Approval and information items were circulated to the Commission by email on May 1, 2026.

Items Approved

1. The Public Utilities Commission accepts, as information, the attached 2026 Q1 financial and capital summaries.
2. That the Public Utilities Commission approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements of the Public Utilities Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.
3. The Public Utilities Commission accepts, as information, the attached 2025 Audit Findings Report.

Commissioner Approvals Received by Email

Sandra Hollingsworth, Musa Onyuna, and Mark Howson — May 1, 2026

Corey Gardi — May 12, 2026