## METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO MINUTES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025

Board Members Present: John S. Kendall, Chairman

Karina Ayala-Bermejo, Vice Chairman

Donald J. Storino, Secretary

Others Present:

Ted Kosowski, Director of Human Resources Sean Kelly, Director of Information Technology James Fisher, Assistant Director of Human Resources

Robert Byrne, Human Resources Manager Nina Brody, Human Resources Analyst James Murray, Head Assistant Attorney

Joseph Cook, Principal Attorney Elizabeth Fragale, Principal Attorney Gina Lencioni, Senior Attorney Liam Reardon, Senior Attorney

Seth Rosenberg, Senior Attorney Christopher Almore, Respondent

Wayne Slaughter, Attorney
Daniel Kelley, Attorney
Tymarr Hunt Respondent
Steven Skinner, Attorney
Thomas Castro, Respondent
Jonathan Magna, Attorney
Margarita Silveyra, Respondent

John Zerfahs, Attorney

Thameena Ali-Mathari, Respondent

David Smolin, Attorney
Jwaun Manning, Respondent
Lemar Phillips, Police Sergeant
Jordan Gardner, Police Officer
Patrick Miller, Police Officer
Emily Binder, Observer
Mallory Stolt, Observer
Besma Hayes, Observer

Raheem Ali, Observer Shaakira Ali, Observer

Christina Arvis, Clerk of the Civil Service Board

The meeting was convened at approximately 10:00 AM with Chairman John S. Kendall presiding.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2025 were approved.

There were no public comments.

## Findings and Decisions:

Christopher Almore

Passed until the end of the call.

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## The preliminary call of hearings revealed:

Larry Malone Wayne Slaughter, attorney for Larry Malone, and the District agreed

to exchange witness lists and discovery by August 20, 2025.

Chentile Jackson Chentile Jackson and her counsel were not in attendance. Continued

until September 17, 2025 for status.

Sergio Senese Discussed Motion for Continuance filed by Daniel Kelley, counsel for

Sergio Senese. Passed until the end of the call.

Tymarr Hunt Steven Skinner, attorney for Tymarr Hunt, and the District agreed to

exchange witness lists and discovery by August 20, 2025. Continued

until September 17, 2025 for status.

Thomas Castro Set for hearing on August 20, 2025.

Margarita Silveyra Continued until August 20, 2025 for status.

Thameena Ali-Mathari Continued until August 20, 2025 for status.

Dushyant Sharma Continued until August 20, 2025 for status.

The attendance and performance review for Jwaun Manning reported that Jwaun Manning was in compliance.

Mr. Kosowski presented Amendment 514: Revise the Minimum Qualification Requirements and the Substitution for the Printing Press Operator and Chief Printing Press Operator classifications.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there had been twenty-four (24) requests for leaves of absence, which the Board ratified.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there was one (1) expired eligible list.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were no terminations of probation.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:22 AM to an executive session. The Board resumed the meeting at approximately 10:37 AM.

Christopher Almore This matter was recalled and the Board advised that the District's

petition to discharge Christopher Almore will be granted and a written

order will be presented by the August 20, 2025 meeting.

Sergio Senese This matter was recalled and continued for status on September 17,

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2025, as well as tentatively set for hearing on November 19, 2025.

**Thomas Castro** 

This matter was recalled and hearing was set for August 20, 2025 at

9:15 AM.

Michael Zidonis

Michael Zidonis resigned from the District. This matter was stricken

from the call.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:43 AM.

John'S. Kendall

Chairman

Karina Ayala-Bermejo

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Vice Chairman

Donald J. Storino

Secretary

Dated: July 9, 2025