

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
MINUTES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 8, 2026

Board Members Present: John S. Kendall, Chairman
Karina Ayala-Bermejo, Vice Chairman
Donald J. Storino, Secretary

Others Present: James Fisher, Acting Director of Human Resources
Robert Byrne, Human Resources Manager
Nina Brody, Human Resources Analyst
Elizabeth Fragale, Head Assistant Attorney
Gina Lencioni, Senior Attorney
Liam Reardon, Senior Attorney
Seth Rosenberg, Senior Attorney
Thameena Ali-Mathari, Respondent
Laura Willers, Respondent
Michelle Valdez, Appellant
Juan Saucedo, Police Lieutenant
Lemar Phillips, Police Sergeant
Patrick Miller, Police Officer
Matthew Murray, Police Officer
Nina Graham, Intern
Molly Moscicki, Intern
Mary Konstorum, Intern
Amber Severt, Intern
Olivia Kachulis, Intern
Elizabeth Wiley, 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 17, 2026 were approved.

There were no public comments.

The preliminary call of hearings revealed:

Larry Malone	Larry Malone was not in attendance. Continued for status September 16, 2026.
Chentile Jackson	Set for hearing on September 16, 2026. Continued for status on August 19, 2026.
Thameena Ali-Mathari	Thameena Ali-Mathari was not in attendance. Passed until the end of the call.
Laura Willers	The District and Laura Willers entered into a Stipulation Agreement. The Board entered an agreed order.

Michelle Valdez Outside counsel for the District will enter an appearance at the August meeting. Continued for status on August 19, 2026.

Darius Tucker Darius Tucker was not in attendance. Passed until the end of the call.

Larry Malone Larry Malone was not in attendance. Continued for status on November 18, 2026.

The attendance and performance review for Trevor Gatwood reported that Trevor Gatwood was in compliance.

Mr. Fisher reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there had been twenty-eight (28) requests for leaves of absence, which the Board ratified.

Mr. Fisher reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were six (6) expired eligible lists.

Mr. Fisher reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there was one (1) termination of probation.

Thameena Ali-Mathari Set for hearing on August 19, 2026 at 10:15 AM.

Darius Tucker Darius Tucker was not in attendance. Continued for status on August 19, 2026.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:12 AM.



John S. Kendall
Chairman



Karina Ayala-Bermejo
Vice Chairman



Donald J. Storino
Secretary

Dated: July 8, 2026