

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Precious Brady-Davis was appointed to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago by Governor JB Pritzker in July, 2023 and was elected as Commissioner in 2024. She is the first Black openly trans woman appointed and elected to public office in Cook County history and the first to serve on a water reclamation district in the US.

Commissioner Brady-Davis is a lifelong social justice advocate, communications professional, environmentalist, author of the memoir "I Have Always Been Me" and cares passionately about reaching the marginalized through her extensive career in nonprofit management and public speaking.

For the past six years she has served as the Associate Regional Communications Director at Sierra Club leading campaigns that champion renewable energy, hold corporate polluters accountable, and fight climate change. She counts fighting to protect the water supply in Oklahoma from pollutants; Minneapolis committing to transitioning to run on 100% renewable energy by the end of 2023; along with holding former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt accountable during the Trump years as solid victories for the environment under her leadership.

She started her professional career serving as the Youth Outreach Coordinator at the Midwest's largest LGBTQ community resource center, the Center on Halsted, where she coordinated youth programming surrounding HIV prevention, transgender advocacy, and LGBT leadership development. Under Commissioner Brady-Davis' tenure she launched a \$1.6 million CDC grant which provided outreach, education, and testing services to over 3,000 African American and Latino gay, bi, and trans youth across Chicagoland between the ages of 13 and 29.

Commissioner Brady-Davis also previously served as the Assistant Director of Diversity Recruitment Initiatives at Columbia College Chicago, where she implemented the campus-wide diversity initiative and provided leadership and oversight on national diversity recruitment and strategic policy initiatives.

Commissioner Brady-Davis believes strongly in protecting the primary source of drinking water, Lake Michigan, and is invested in advancing green infrastructure to improve community resilience and prevent flooding across Cook County.

A Nebraska native of multiracial background, Commissioner Brady-Davis graduated from Columbia College Chicago with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and resides in Hyde Park with her husband Myles where they are raising their two daughters Zayn and Zyon.