

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
MINUTES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2021**

Board Members Present: Mr. John S. Kendall, Chairman
Ms. Mazie A. Harris, Vice Chairman
Mr. Donald J. Storino, Secretary

Others Present: Mr. Ted Kosowski, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Mr. Robert Byrne, Human Resources Manager
Mr. James Murray, Head Assistant Attorney
Mr. Joseph Cook, Principal Attorney
Mr. Seth Rosenberg, Senior Attorney
Ms. Emily Zapotocny, Senior Attorney
Ms. Rhonda Thomas, Appellant
Ms. Chentile Jackson, Appellant
Ms. Audrey Richardson, Respondent
Mr. Daniel Kelley, Attorney
Mr. Lance Beier, Respondent
Mr. Paul Connolly, Police Lieutenant
Mr. Ramon Ruiz, Police Officer
Ms. Nina Brody, Clerk of the Civil Service Board
Ms. Margaret Zilligen, Observer

The meeting was convened at approximately 10:01 AM with Chairman John S. Kendall presiding.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021 were approved.

The minutes of the executive session of May 19, 2021 were approved.

The minutes of the second executive session of May 19, 2021 were approved.

There was no public comment.

Findings and Decisions

Rhonda Thomas Passed to the end of the call.

The preliminary call of hearings revealed:

Farhan Qureshi Passed to the end of the call.

Kenneth Akins Jr. Set for hearing on August 18, 2021. Continued to July 21, 2021 for status.

Robert Quezada Set for hearing on September 15, 2021.

Chentile Jackson Continued to July 21, 2021 for status.

Robert Biel Mr. Biel was not present. Continued to July 21, 2021 for status.

Audrey Richardson The District and Ms. Richardson entered into a Stipulation Agreement. The Board entered an Agreed Order.

Sergio Senese Continued to August 18, 2021 for status.

Findings and Decisions

Rhonda Thomas The Board found that the Appeal was insufficient at law. The Board reduced the suspension to a two-day suspension. Appellant's motion to exclude testimony was denied.

The Attendance and Performance Review for Lance Beier reported that Mr. Beier was in compliance. Since Mr. Beier had been on medical leave for several months, the Board granted the District's request that the stipulation be extended until November, 2021.

The Attendance and Performance Review for Michael Zidonis, Jr. was continued to July 21, 2021.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there had been thirty-seven (37) requests for leaves of absence, which the Board ratified.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were twelve (12) expired eligible lists.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were two (2) terminations of probation.

Farhan Qureshi Mr. Qureshi was not in attendance. The Board requested that Mr. Qureshi be informed in writing that if he fails to appear in July, a prove-up may be allowed.

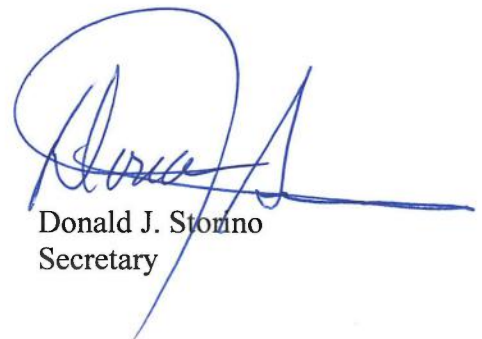
The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:26 AM
The Board resumed the meeting at approximately 10:28 AM

Farhan Qureshi Recalled to clarify. This matter is tentatively set for hearing on July 21, 2021.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:31 AM


John S. Kendall
Chairman


Mazie A. Harris
Vice Chairman


Donald J. Storzno
Secretary

Dated: June 16, 2021