

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO
ETHICS COMMISSION
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
October 25, 2016
100 East Erie, Chicago, IL 60611
2:30 P.M.
1st Floor - Main Board Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Zelda B. Harris

Jose A. Lopez

Michael J. Weicher, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Cook, Senior Attorney

- I. Call to order. The meeting convened with a call to order at 2:40 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes. The minutes from the July 26, 2016 meeting of the Ethics Commission were unanimously approved without modification.
- III. Public comment. None.
- IV. New business.
 - a. A complaint prepared by Shaka Freeman, a former probationary Treatment Plant Operator 1 for the District was hand-delivered on Friday, September 30, 2016 to Commissioners Harris, Lopez and Weicher by James Murray, Principal Attorney for the District. Further, Commissioners Harris and Weicher received a copy of the Freeman complaint from Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel for the District by mail on or after October 4, 2016. Commissioner Lopez received a copy of the Freeman complaint in person on September 30, 2016 from James Murray. The Freeman complaint does not include a notarized signature from Shaka Freeman. Commissioner Weicher will respond to the complaint prepared by Shaka Freeman as the complaint is not in compliance with the Rules and Regulations Relating to the Ethics Commission.
 - b. Complaints prepared by the Mission Hills Openlands were sent to the MWRD ethics complaint email address at ethicscomplaint@mwrdd.org between May to August, 2016. Commissioners Harris and Weicher received copies of the complaints from Mission Hills Openlands by email to their respective work email addresses. Commissioner Lopez never received copies of the Mission Hills Openlands complaints by email. The complaints prepared by Mission Hills Openlands do not include a notarized signature from any party on behalf of the Mission Hills Openlands. Commissioner Weicher will respond to the complaints prepared by Mission Hills Openlands as the complaints are not in compliance with the Rules and Regulations Relating to the Ethics Commission.
- V. Continuing Matters. None.
- VI. Other Business.

The meeting schedule for 2017 is planned for 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 24, April 25, July 25 and October 31, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.