



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board swears in three Commissioners



*In the photo (L-R) MWRD Commissioners Timothy Bradford, Frank Avila and Cynthia Santos.*

Two returning commissioners were joined by a newly elected commissioner for the official swearing in ceremony and installation during the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Board of Commissioners' annual meeting on December 2. Commissioner Cynthia Santos was installed for her fourth six year term, Commissioner Frank Avila was installed for his third term, and Commissioner Timothy Bradford was installed for his first term.

MWRD Secretary to Officer Renona McCall performed the national anthem, and Acting President Barbara McGowan's grand-daughter, Ta'Sandra Marie Jeanette Watson, lead the pledge of allegiance.

Reverend Charlie Bolser, C.S.V. delivered the invocation, and Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos welcomed distinguished guests.

Commissioner Santos' special guest speaker was Jorge Ramirez, Chicago Federation of Labor President, and she was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Thomas R. Allen. Commissioner Santos' daughter Cristine held the bible during the ceremony.

Commissioner Frank Avila was sworn in for his third term by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Edmund Ponce de Leon, and his wife of 49 years, Sherry, held the bible. Commissioner Avila's special guest speaker was Velma King, former community environmental reporter.

Commissioner Timothy Bradford was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Linzey D. Jones, and his wife Mary Ann, held the bible. His special guest speaker was Irwin Mandel, Senior Vice President of the Chicago Bulls.

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The remaining members of the Board of Commissioners and Executive Director David St. Pierre provided brief comments welcoming the new Board and expressed their enthusiasm for the future. The meeting closed with a benediction by Rev. Matthew Hoffman, St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

“All of the Commissioners and staff are like family, and we welcome Commissioner Bradford into our family,” said Acting President McGowan. “It’s an exciting day as we mark our 125th year with a garden that symbolizes our evolution as an organization in the use of sustainable practices,” said Executive Director David St. Pierre. “By combining our knowledge of green infrastructure with sustainable green practices, the District will continue to lead our industry into the future.”



*In the photo: Commissioner Frank Avila (center) is sworn in for his third term by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Edmund Ponce de Leon. Commissioner Avila’s wife, Sherry, is holding the bible.*



*In the photo: Commissioner Timothy Bradford is sworn in by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Linzey D. Jones while the Commissioner’s wife, Mary Ann, holds the bible.*



*In the photo: Commissioner Cynthia Santos is sworn in for her fourth term by Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Thomas R. Allen while Commissioner Santos’ daughter Cristine holds the bible.*

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