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Gov. Rauner re-appoints MWRD Commissioner Walsh to fill the late Commissioner Tim Bradford's seat

Effective immediately, Commissioner David J. Walsh has been appointed to fill the seat of the late Commissioner Tim Bradford on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD) Board of Commissioners.

A valuable member of MWRD leadership, Commissioner Walsh is no stranger to the MWRD, as this is the third time Gov. Bruce Rauner has appointed him to the MWRD Board. In a letter to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White dated March 23, 2018, Gov. Rauner named Commissioner Walsh to "execute the powers and discharge the duties vested in law in the office indicated." According to the letter, the appointment runs through the 2020 General Election.

"I was honored to serve with Timothy Bradford on the Board and thank Governor Rauner for this appointment," said Commissioner Walsh. "As many of my fellow commissioners and staff here know, I have enjoyed my time at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and am humbled and excited about this new appointment that will allow me to continue this work. I am honored to play a small part in an agency that puts taxpayers first and is working 24/7 to protect our water environment, recover resources and make our communities resilient in the face of new challenges."

Commissioner Bradford, who passed away on Dec. 1, 2017, was elected to the MWRD Board of Commissioners in 2014. He served as chairman of the Ethics and Federal Legislation Committees, and he was the vice chairman of the Maintenance and Operations and Monitoring and Research Committees.

The Governor originally appointed Commissioner Walsh in September 2015 to fill the vacancy of departing Ald.



MWRD Commissioner David J. Walsh

Patrick D. Thompson. In December 2016, the Governor appointed Commissioner Cynthia Santos to the Illinois Pollution Control Board and then tapped Commissioner Walsh to fill that vacancy.

Commissioner Walsh has served as the chairman of the Real Estate Development and Maintenance and Operations Committees. He has also served as vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the Federal Legislation Committee.

The MWRD is governed by a nine-member Board of Commissioners who are elected at large and serve on a salaried part-time basis. Three commissioners are elected every two years for six-year terms. Biannually, the Board elects from its membership a president, vice president, and chairman of the Committee on Finance.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.