

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
MINUTES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 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. Chentile Jackson, Appellant
Mr. Robert Biel, Appellant
Ms. Audrey Richardson, Respondent
Mr. Eric White, Police Sergeant
Mr. Robert Biel, Police Officer
Mr. James Radomski, Police Officer
Mr. Thomas Smith, Police Officer
Ms. Nina Brody, Clerk of the Civil Service Board
Mr. Frank Bochte, Observer
Ms. Sandra Matual, Witness

The meeting was convened at approximately 10:00 AM with Chairman John S. Kendall presiding.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2021 were approved.

There was no public comment.

The preliminary call of hearings revealed:

Rhonda Thomas	Continued to August 18, 2021 for status.
Farhan Qureshi	Set for hearing at 10:15 a.m.
Kenneth Akins Jr.	Neither Mr. Akins nor his attorney, Ms. Spearman, were in attendance. Set for hearing on August 18, 2021.
Robert Quezada	Continued to August 18, 2021 for status. Set for hearing on September 15, 2021.
Chentile Jackson	Continued to September 15, 2021 for status. Discovery to be exchanged by September 15, 2021.
Robert Biel	Set for hearing on October 20, 2021 at 10:15 a.m.
Sergio Senese	Continued to August 18, 2021 for status.

The Attendance and Performance Review for Todd Worth reported that Mr. Worth was in compliance.

The Attendance and Performance Review for Michael Zidonis, Jr. was continued to August 18, 2021.

The Compliance review for Audrey Richardson reported that Ms. Richardson was in compliance.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there had been nine (9) requests for leaves of absence, which the Board ratified.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were four (4) expired eligible lists.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were three (3) terminations of probation.

Rhonda Thomas Ms. Thomas was not in attendance. The petition for rehearing was continued to August 18, 2021 for status.

The Board recessed the meeting at approximately 10:12 AM

The Board commenced the hearing/prove-up at approximately 10:15 AM

Farhan Qureshi Mr. Qureshi was not in attendance. The Board received an email from Mr. Qureshi. Since Mr. Qureshi had an opportunity to speak today but did not appear, the Board could not consider the email as it was not sworn testimony.

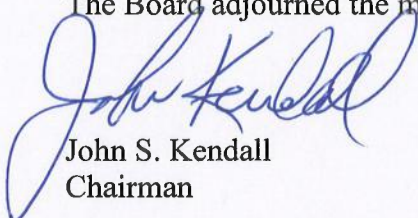
Mr. Seth Rosenberg, counsel for the District, called and questioned Ms. Sandra Matual as a witness. Mr. Rosenberg presented Exhibits A-H and Exhibit J, which were admitted into evidence. Mr. Rosenberg presented a brief summary. The District rested its case.


The Board took this matter under advisement.

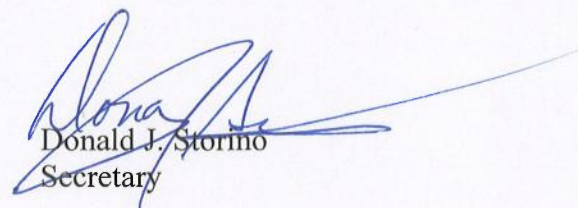
The Board adjourned the prove-up at approximately 10:59 AM

The Board resumed the meeting at approximately 10:59 AM

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:59 AM


John S. Kendall
Chairman


Mazie A. Harris
Vice Chairman


Donald J. Stornio
Secretary

Dated: July 21, 2021