

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO
ETHICS COMMISSION
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
October 27, 2020
100 East Erie, Chicago, IL 60611
2:30P.M.
1st Floor - Main Board Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Zelda B. Harris

Jose A. Lopez

STAFF PRESENT

James Murray, Head Asst. Attorney

Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel

- I. Call to order. The meeting convened with a call to order at 2:30p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes. The minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting of the Ethics Commission were unanimously approved without modification.
- III. Public comment. None.
- IV. Continuing Matters.
 - No new complaints received through the ethics complaint site at ethicscomplaint@mwrdd.org.
 - James Murray distributed a copy of the MWRD Ethics Ordinance amended on January 23, 2020 to include Article IV on lobbyist registration and reporting.
 - Discussion was had about the MWRD study session held by the Board of Commissioners on October 19, 2020 regarding lobbyist registration and reporting. The main issue related to whether Not-For-Profits should be exempt from lobbyist registration and reporting.
 - The Commissioners discussed the responsibilities of the Ethics Commission to aid in the enforcement of Article IV.
 - The Commissioners discussed the need to create an FAQ and training for MWRD employees on how to file a complaint regarding a person that is not properly registered as a lobbyist in violation of Article IV.
- V. Other Business.
 - The term for Commissioner Harris ends in May 2021. The term for Commissioner Lopez ends in May 2022.
 - The proposed meeting dates for 2021 are April 27, 2021 and October 26, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03p.m.