



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Board of Commissioners

Chakena D. Perry Commissioner

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Chakena D. Perry was appointed on January 5, 2022 to fill a vacancy on the MWRD Board of Commissioners. She had previously served as an aide to MWRD Commissioner Josina Morita since January 2019. At the age of 28, she is the youngest member of the Board.

Commissioner Perry earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Connecticut College and is currently studying at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago to earn a Master of Arts in Public Policy.

Before joining the MWRD, Commissioner Perry held an array of professional experiences, including deputy press secretary for the Chicago Public Schools. Her passion for civic engagement and voting rights advocacy previously led her to serve as president of Chicago Votes Action Fund and chairwoman of the Cook County Young Democrats. Additionally, she has received many honors, including the Posse Foundation's Ainslie Alumni Achievement Award and the WE Will "Young Woman of the Year." She was recognized as a Chicago Scholars "35 under 35" Honoree and a Quad City Urban League's Women's Empowerment Honoree.

Commissioner Perry is excited to continue exploring her love of environmental justice, civic engagement, and economic development. She resides with her husband and their son in Justice, IL.

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