



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Meeting Minutes Study Session

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Terrence J. O'Brien*

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Thursday, August 12, 2010

3:00 PM

Board Room

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## BUDGET AND EMPLOYMENT

### Call Meeting to Order

Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment, Cynthia M. Santos presiding, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Clerk to Read Call of the Meeting

[10-0836](#)

To the Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the direction of Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Chairman of the Committee on Budget & Employment, a Study Session will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The purpose of the Study Session is to follow up on the July 8, 2010 Study Session regarding the status of the District's 2010 budget.

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Terrence J. O'Brien, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

### Open Discussion

*Eileen McElligott, Administrative Services Manager, addressed the board regarding the 2011 budget status and process.*

*Richard Lanyon, Executive Director, gave a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on the status of the District's Budget and provided cost saving recommendations.*

## Summary of Requests

*Kathleen Therese Meany requested incremental increase of 25% be included in the projected changes to health care contributions. (Attachment #2)*

*Debra Shore requested that family deductibles also be included in the projected changes to health care contributions. (Attachment #2)*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested voting time be included in the next Legislative Session for elimination. (Attachment #8)*

*Terrence J. O'Brien requested that Comptime be confirmed as a requirement to separation pay. (Attachment #10)*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested the cost per vehicle for gas, insurance, maintenance, etc. (Attachment #28)*

*Gloria Alitto Majewski requested the number of trucks currently at the District. (Attachment #28)*

*Kathleen Therese Meany requested the number of electric vehicles at the District and how many are having problems. (Attachment #28)*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested that health insurance contributions also be review. (ED Recommendations)*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested a review of holiday pay since none are required by law. (ED Recommendations)*

*Kathleen Therese Meany requested a review of merit pay.*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested sick time be reviewed for separation and a cap be put in place.*

*Terrence J. O'Brien questioned the increase in consulting services agreements and requested the amounts relating to the Corporate Fund. He also requested that the Master Plans be re-evaluated and scaled back wherever appropriated, ie: are the new batteries at the North Side WRP still required?*

*Terrence J. O'Brien requested Law and Engineering re-evaluate consulting services to determine what can be done in-house.*

*Barbara J. McGowan requested the Executive Director review all consulting contracts immediately.*

*Kathleen Therese Meany requested that all training, travel and conferences cease unless critical to District operations.*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested the Executive Director find a sponsor for the centennial fountain maintenance.*

*Debra Shore requested that space needs be included on the options list for the 2011 Budget .*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested a list of contractors that use space in MOB/MOBA and include time requirements, ie: one month, three months, etc.*

*Terrence J. O'Brien requested that all inquiries made at study session be answered as soon as possible.*

### **Study Session**

*Terrence J. O'Brien requested a follow-up study session for September 16, 2010.*

### **Adjournment**

**Cynthia M. Santos, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.**

**/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk**