



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Meeting Minutes Special Meeting

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

*Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Commissioner Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele*

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Thursday, November 5, 2020

1:00 PM

Remote Meeting

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## DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

### Call Meeting to Order

Frank Avila, Chairman for the Committee on Budget and Employment, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m

### Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

### Public Comment

None

### Clerk to Read Call of the Meeting

- 1 [20-0960](#) 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 President Kari K. Steele and presiding Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment, Frank Avila, a Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. by remote meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and accept the 2021 Executive Director's Budget Recommendations and related changes.

The Executive Director's Budget Recommendations is available for review on the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org).

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**Attachments:** [2021 Budget Executive Director Presentation](#)  
[2021 Department Presentation](#)

**A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

- Aye:** 7 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele
- Absent:** 2 - Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan

- 2 [20-0959](#) Authority to Accept the Executive Director's 2021 Budget Recommendations and the Attached Changes

**Attachments:** [BF-19 Consolidated Packet FINAL.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Agenda Item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

- Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele

## Open Discussion

*Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director, presented the 2020 Budget Recommendations*

*Meeting went into Recess*

*Meeting Reconvened*

## Summary of Requests

### *Maintenance & Operations*

*1. Debra Shore requested a place holder on the 2021 budget to purchase renewable energy credits*

### *Stormwater Management*

*1. Debra Shore requested to consider creating a Project coordinator position*

*2. Commissioners requested staff look into racial disparity studies for project consideration*

### *General Administration*

*1. Kari K. Steele requested an additional position be added to the Diversity section*

*2. Debra Shore requested 10 million of TIF revenue be allocated to the Retirement Fund*

*3. Cameron Davis requested adding benchmarks for electric vehicles to the District fleet with the goal of 50% by 2025 and 100% by 2030*

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Special Meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele

## APPROVAL:

**In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this November 5, 2020, are hereby approved.**

## APPROVED:

**/s/ Kari K. Steele**

**President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

**November 5, 2020**