

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO
ETHICS COMMISSION
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
October 27, 2015
100 East Erie, Chicago, IL 60611
2:30 P.M.
1st Floor - Main Board Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Zelda B. Harris

Jose A. Lopez

Michael J. Weicher, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth J. Fragale, Senior Attorney

- I. Call to order. The meeting convened with a call to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes. The minutes from the July 28, 2015 meeting of the Ethics Commission were unanimously approved without modification.
- III. Public comment. None.
- IV. New business. None.
- V. Continuing Matters.
 - a. Discussion and consideration of draft Rules and Regulations Relating to the Ethics Commission pursuant to Section 20-04 of the Ethics Ordinance. Discussion pursued on proposed changes and additions to initial draft rules prepared and circulated by Commissioner Lopez. The Commissioners discussed language in the draft to clarify that pursuant to a properly initiated complaint the Ethics Commission is tasked with conducting a hearing as opposed to an investigation. The Commissioners agreed that the rules do not allow the Ethics Commission to conduct independent investigations on its own initiative. The language in sections 4.3 and 4.4 needs to be clarified accordingly. A final draft of the rules will be submitted for adoption at the next meeting of the Ethics Commission.
 - b. There were no pending complaints to be reviewed by the Commission.
 - c. No executive session was requested.
- VI. Other Business.

The meeting schedule for the Ethics Commission in 2016 was set as follows:
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Tuesday, July 26, 2016
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.