



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Board of Commissioners

Kari K. Steele President

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President Kari K. Steele was elected November 6, 2012 to her first term as a Commissioner at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and re-elected in 2018 for a second term. In January 2019 she was elected President of the Board of Commissioners.

President Steele currently serves as the Chairman for the Public Information and Education Committees and the State Legislation and Rules Committee, and she is Chairman of the MWRD Employees Credit Union Board of Directors. She also is the Vice Chairman of the Engineering and Monitoring & Research Committees.

President Steele is a chemist, an environmentalist and a community leader. She has more than 11 years of experience working as a chemist. She has worked at both the Jardine Water Purification Plant as a water chemist and the MWRD as a water sampler and lab technician. This background makes President Steele uniquely qualified to discuss and analyze proposed operational changes and operational efficiencies.

MWRD Committees

Chairman

*Public Information and Education
State Legislation and Rules*

Vice Chairman

*Engineering
Monitoring & Research*

President Steele is a member of the Illinois Women's Institute of Leadership; member of the 8th Ward Women's Auxiliary Council; member of the Sierra Club; member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; member of the 27th Ward Regular Democratic Organization; member of Southside Democracy for America (2016); and a member of West Side Black Elected Officials (2017). President Steele was a 2014 Chicago Defender Woman of Excellence Honoree; 2014 Edgar Fellow; 2016 Graduate of the Metropolitan Leadership Institute and a recipient of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Freshwater Lab water award (2017). She is a past member of the Young Democrats of America; past Chairman of the 6th Ward Young Democrats; past Chairman and Treasurer of the Young Democrats of Cook County; and the Society of Cosmetic Chemists.

President Steele has a Pre-med degree in Chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana.

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