

Terrence J. O'Brien
President

Terrence J. O'Brien was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1988. Currently, he serves as President of the Board of Commissioners and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the Real Estate Development Committee.

President O'Brien graduated in 1978 from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has spent the last 27 years working in the environmental field with various consulting firms.

President O'Brien is interested in maintaining the health of area residents by preventing pollution in Lake Michigan, local rivers, and streams. He has actively pursued continuous funding for the MWRDGC's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP); this large undertaking captures sewer overflow before it can pollute the drinking water supply.

President O'Brien spent seven years working for passage of an Illinois law which now gives the MWRDGC the responsibility of stormwater management in Cook County. President O'Brien also instituted the (800) 332-DUMP pollution hotline number for citizens to report illegal dumping of materials into sewers and waterways, enabling the District to take immediate action against these violators.

President O'Brien is active in many professional, charitable and community organizations. He resides on the northwest side of Chicago with his wife Julie, and their three children, Kevin, Therese and Patrick.