



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Board of Commissioners

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Debra Shore is a Commissioner on the Board of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, first elected in 2006, re-elected to a second term in 2012 and a third term in 2018. Debra has been a strong advocate for cleaning up the Chicago waterways and for resource recovery, including the reuse of treated water and the generation of biogas. In recognition of her work, she received the Public Officials Award from the Water Environment Federation in 2013.

Commissioner Shore is president of the board of directors for the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership (IWIL) and president of the board for Congregation Sukkat Shalom in Wilmette. She serves on the boards of the Great Lakes Protection Fund and the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute. She was the founding editor of Chicago Wilderness Magazine, is an active volunteer restoring prairies and oak woods, and was a founding board member of Friends of the Forest Preserves.

Commissioner Shore graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Goucher College in Baltimore, MD with a degree in Philosophy & Visual Arts. She earned Master's degrees from Johns Hopkins University and Columbia College (Chicago). In 2008 she earned a Certificate in Executive Education from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Debra lives with her partner-in-life, Kathleen Gillespie, in Skokie, Illinois. She has climbed 42 of the 54 mountains in Colorado more than 14,000 feet high.

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