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Friday, June 14, 2019
Advisory Board Office
10:00 AM

Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
David Manugian	Bedford	John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
John Sanchez	Burlington	Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Fred Laskey	MWRA
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Carolyn Francisco-Murphy	MWRA
Moe Handel	MAPC	Meghan McNamara	MWRA
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board staff
Bernie Cooper	Norwood	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board staff
Lou Taverna	Newton, Chairman	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board staff
Nick Rystrom	Revere	Patrick Boyle	Advisory Board staff
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus		

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes for May 10, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee for May 10, 2019. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

B. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, presented a tentative agenda for the August Advisory Board field trip, which would be a tour of Boston Harbor departing from Deer Island.

C. Budget Scorecard

Finance and Policy Director, Travis Ahern, gave a recap of the FY20 budgeting process since the release of the Advisory Board's FY20 Comments and Recommendations on the MWRA's proposed CEB and CIP. After the Advisory Board's recommendation of decreasing the rate requirement to 3.15%, the Board of Directors recommended further reductions down to 3.07%. Mr. Ahern explained that MWRA staff had developed a budget that matched the 3.07% rate requirement but that the number was reached with some adjustments different than the adjustments proposed by the Advisory Board. Mr. Ahern highlighted the differences using a budget scorecard which had Advisory Board feedback on the MWRA staff's updated budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the budget scorecard as presented by Mr. Ahern. The motion carried and the scorecard was approved.

D. Massport Communications

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, discussed developments related to the easement costs presented by Massport in the installation of the replacement cross-harbor electric cable. MWRA Executive Director, Fred Laskey, explained he had been in contact with Massport's Interim Director and that he was unsure if Massport would have materials available for the upcoming MWRA Board of Director's meeting.



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E. Recent Commonwealth SJC Ruling

MWRA Executive Director, Fred Laskey; MWRA General Counsel, Carolyn Francisco-Murphy; and MWRA Associate General Counsel, Meghan McNamara, reviewed a recent Commonwealth Supreme Judicial Court case which ruled that the MWRA was liable to pay over \$2 million. A reserve fund is in place for the mandated payments.

F. Water Supply Protection Trust Highlights

During the budget scorecard review, Director of Finance and Policy, Travis Ahern, noted that the Water Supply Protection Trust passed the watershed budget by a measure of 4-1. The dissenting vote was from Advisory Board Chairman Lou Taverna.

G. Advisory Board Budget

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, reviewed the Advisory Board's operating budget process, noting there had been no changes since it was discussed in May.

H. Approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for June 20, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda of the Advisory Board meeting for June 20, 2019. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

I. Performance Review of the Executive Director

Finding the performance of the Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, to be excellent, a motion was made and seconded to extend Mr. Favaloro's contract by 1 year and added 3% to his salary.

J. Adjournment

A motion was made **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:05 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Executive Committee meetings that are available upon request.