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Friday, May 10, 2019
Advisory Board Office
10:00 AM

Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
David Manugian	Bedford	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Jay Hersey	Brookline	John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors
John Sanchez	Burlington	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board staff
Moe Handel	MAPC	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board staff
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board staff
Bernie Cooper	Norwood	James Guidod	Advisory Board staff
Lou Taverna	Newton, Chairman		

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes for April 12, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee for April 12, 2019. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

B. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, summarized the recent meeting of the Operations Committee. The community challenges of stormwater were discussed. The topic will continue to surface on the Operations Committee schedule. Mr. Favaloro also noted that Advisory Board staff are nearing their twentieth community visit since January of this year. Staff have been meeting with community CEOs, designees, and other stakeholders to discuss community concerns. The process has yielded appointments of designees to vacant seats.

C. Advisory Board Seat on the MWRA Board of Directors

The incumbent, Joe Foti, expressed interest in continuing as a representative to the MWRA Board of Directors and has submitted his papers, having spoken with the Executive Committee about his interest in being a candidate at a previous meeting. There were no other nominees.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO NOMINATE JOE FOTI FOR ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

The vote of the full Advisory Board is scheduled take place at the next meeting of the Advisory Board on May 16, 2019.



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D. Approval of the Advisory Board Draft FY20 Operating Budget

Executive Director, Joseph Favaloro, presented the Executive Committee with the draft-final version of the proposed FY20 Advisory Board operating budget. The budget of \$586,373 is an increase of 1.36% from the approved FY19 Advisory Board operating budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY BOARD DRAFT FY20 OPERATING BUDGET. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

E. Approval of the Draft Advisory Board Comments on the MWRA's Proposed FY20 CIP and CEB

Director of Finance and Policy, Travis Ahern, presented the Executive Committee with the draft-final version of the Advisory Board FY20 Comments and Recommendations. After reviewing the Authority's proposed FY20 CIP and CEB, staff recommend reducing the proposed rate revenue requirement by \$4.3 million. This would reduce the rate increase from 3.74% down to 3.15%. The largest budget adjustments were recommended in capital financing, personnel, and the watershed budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS ON THE MWRA'S PROPOSED FY20 CIP AND CEB BUDGET. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

F. Scheduling of Executive Director's Annual Evaluation

It was determined that the Executive Director's annual evaluation would take place at the next Executive Committee meeting on June 14, 2019.

G. Approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for May 16, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda of the Advisory Board meeting for May 16, 2019. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

H. 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.