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NOTICE

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Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held remotely via Zoom on June 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Instructions for accessing the meeting can be found on the online [event page](#) at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event. Attendees can join by calling in or by using a computer or mobile device. The proposed agenda for the meeting will be made final at an open meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM, which will be conducted remotely. The instructions for accessing the Executive Committee meeting remotely can be found on the online [event page](#) at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event. Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than June 7, 2023, with any additional items for the final agenda.



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MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Online Remote [Zoom](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) (www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event)

(pursuant to An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law)

10:00 AM

AGENDA

- A. Roll call attendance
- B. Welcome
- C. **Special Guest:** Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Rebecca Tepper
- D. **Presentation – Difference Maker Award – Waltham Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy**
- E. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from May 18, 2023
- F. ACTION ITEM: Motion to authorize staff to transfer up to \$35,000 from FY23 operating funds into the Legal Fund for possible litigation relative to the Deer Island NPDES permit.
- G. Report of the Executive Director/Incoming Executive Director
- H. **Committee Reports**
 - Executive Committee – Acting Chair John Sanchez
 - **Update:** Advisory Board move to Chelsea
 - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
 - **Update**
 - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
 - **Update:** Operations Committee meeting – June 22, 2023
- I. **New Business**
- J. **Adjournment**



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2023
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Meeting Summary

A. Welcome

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed all attendees. He noted the virtual meeting would be recorded.

An opening roll call vote was had and voted as follows:

COMMUNITY	VOTE	APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION	VOTE
ARLINGTON	Yes	Quabbin and Ware Watershed	Yes
ASHLAND		Wachusett Watershed	
BEDFORD		Connecticut River Basin	
BELMONT		MAPC	Yes
BOSTON			
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON	Yes		
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE			
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM	Yes		
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS			
SOMERVILLE	Yes		
SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON			
SWAMPSCOTT			

WAKEFIELD	Yes
WALPOLE	Yes
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	Yes
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBBURN	
WORCESTER	

B. Action Item: Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from April 20, 2023

David Manugian moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2023. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

C. Report of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director

Deputy Executive Director, Matt Romero, noted there that there would be an event honoring Mr. Favaloro’s retirement on June 22 at Deer Island. Event details will be available on the website soon. He went on to note that language for Debt Service Assistance was only on the proposed Commonwealth house budget and not the senate. Staff will work with the legislature in attempt to include it the final budget. Advisory Board staff recently met with state legislators to discuss proposed Quabbin Watershed and Regional Equity Bill.

D. Action Item: AB Proposed FY24 Operating Budget

Deputy Executive Director, Matt Romero, presented the proposed FY24 Advisory Board Operating Budget, which totals \$499,953 (a 16.6% decrease from FY24).

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the FY24 Operating Advisory. Michael Rademacher seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

E. Action Item: Proposed Comments and Recommendations on MWRA's Proposed FY24 Capital and Current Expense Budgets

Director of Finance, James Guiod, reviewed the Proposed Comments and Recommendations on MWRA's Proposed FY24 Capital and Current Expense Budgets. The combined proposed rate revenue requirement totaled 2.42%.

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the Proposed Comments and Recommendations on MWRA's Proposed FY24 Capital and Current Expense Budgets. Michael Rademacher seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

F. **Action Item: Approval of Burlington’s application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an “Additional Purchase Community” as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022**

Ricard Raiche moved for the approval of Burlington’s application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an “Additional Purchase Community” as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022. John DeAmicis seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

G. **Action Item: Approval of Dedham/Westwood Water District application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an "Additional Purchase Community" as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022**

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of Dedham/Westwood Water District application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an “Additional Purchase Community” as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022. Richard Raiche seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

H. **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Lou Taverna

- **Update:** Advisory Board Move to Chelsea

Deputy Executive Director, Matt Romero, noted that staff are working remotely until the new Advisory Board offices in Chelsea are completed.

Operations Committee – John Sanchez

- **Update:** Deer Island NPDES Permit Updates

Deputy Executive Director, Matt Romero, explained that Advisory Board staff continue to work with legal counsel to prepare for the anticipated Deer Island NPDES permit updates.

I. **ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment**

A motion was made by J.R. Greene for:

- *Approval of meeting minutes from April 20, 2023*
- *Approval of Proposed FY24 Advisory Board Operating Budget*
- *Approval of Proposed Comments and Recommendations on MWRA's Proposed FY24 Capital and Current Expense Budgets*
- *Approval of Burlington’s application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an “Additional Purchase Community” as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022*
- *Approval of Dedham/Westwood Water District application for receiving additional water from the MWRA water system under MWRA operational policy #10 as an "Additional Purchase Community" as noted in Rider One approved September 15, 2022*
- *Meeting Adjournment*

The motion was seconded by Maurice Handel.

A rollcall of all voting Advisory Board communities and organizations was held weighted by community share of the MWRA system (organizations having a share 0.5% each). The rollcall results were as follows:

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DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE			
MILTON			
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NORTHBOROUGH			
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QUINCY			
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SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON			
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD	Yes		
WALPOLE	Yes		
WALTHAM			
WATERTOWN	Yes		
WELLESLEY			
WESTON			
WESTWOOD			
WEYMOUTH			
WILBRAHAM			
WILMINGTON	Yes		
WINCHESTER			
WINTHROP			
WOBURN			
WORCESTER			

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rademacher, Secretary

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