



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022  
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**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	Yes	MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON			
CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN	Yes		
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK	Yes		
NEEDHAM			
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS	Yes		
SOMERVILLE	Yes		
SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON	Yes		
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD			
WALPOLE	Yes		

WALTHAM  
 WATERTOWN  
 WELLESLEY  
 WESTON  
 WESTWOOD  
 WEYMOUTH  
 WILBRAHAM  
 WILMINGTON  
 WINCHESTER  
 WINTHROP  
 WOBURN  
 WORCESTER

Yes

**B. Action Item: A vote to allow remote participation under the Open Meeting Law**

Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, reviewed the pending legislation that would extend current parameters for remote participation under the open meeting law. Noting that it was possible that the current parameters could expire over summer, he recommended the Advisory Board vote to allow remote participation for future meetings as a workaround.

*Richard Raice moved for to allow remote participation under the Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20(d)) in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10 and that vote would apply to all subsequent meetings of the public body and its committees. 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**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, welcomed the Advisory Board’s summer intern, Cecelia Hampton. He went on to discuss the upcoming Advisory Board Field Trip, explaining some of the difficulties facing the planning process. Staff will have more updates available shortly. Similarly, the Executive Committee was able to have its first hybrid meeting. Staff will continue to explore hybrid options for the Advisory Board as well.

**D. Discussion and Action Item: Proposal to modify MWRA Policy #OP.10 to waive the entrance fee**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, continued the discussion regarding a waiver to the MWRA entrance fee. He referenced the growing summary packet of content regarding adjusting the MWRA entrance fee policy using Executive Committee feedback. The packet of materials are available on the meeting event page [at this link](#). The meeting was opened to questions and comments.

*Richard Raiche moved for the proposal to modify MWRA Policy #OP.10 to waive the entrance fee be recommended to the MWRA Board of Directors. John DeAmicis seconded the motion. The rollcall results were as follows:*

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SAUGUS	No
SOMERVILLE	Yes
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	No
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	
WALPOLE	Abstain
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
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## E. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Louis Taverna

**Action Item:** Selection of special counsel to assist with MWRA’s NPDES permits

Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, introduced Drew Silton and Marc Goldstein from Beveridge & Diamond PC, who the Executive Committee have recommended for counsel with respect to the ongoing NPDES permitting process.

*Elena Proakis Ellis moved for the selection of Beveridge & Diamond PC for counsel with respect to the NPDES permitting process. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Director of Finance, James Guiod, gave an update on the budget status since the Advisory Board's Comments & Recommendations on the MWRA's proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program and Current Expense Budget were presented to the MWRA Board of Directors. He noted that the MWRA would likely be able to meet the Advisory Board's proposed combined rate revenue requirement of 2.85% but that the separate water and sewer utility rates may differ from the Advisory Board's recommendations.

Operations Committee – John Sanchez

Operations Chair, John Sanchez, highlighted the upcoming meeting to discuss trends in wastewater metering data since the new meters were installed. The meeting will be July 27, 2022 at 10:00.

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

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

- *Selection Beveridge & Diamond PC for NPDES counsel*
- *Extended Remote Participation*
- *Meeting adjournment*

*The motion was seconded by Elena Proakis Ellis.*

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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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.