



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING**

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

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

B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021

Michael Rademacher moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

C. Legislators of the Year Awards

Chairman, Lou Taverna, and Executive Director, Joe Favaloro introduced the Advisory Board’s 2021 Legislators of the Year, thanking them for their support.

Senator Anne M. Gobi: Senator Gobi has long been an advocate for her constituents who reside in the watershed area as well as the 3 million residents of Massachusetts who enjoy the best drinking water in the country. For the FY22 budget, the Senator’s actions and advocacy went to another level. Senator Gobi led the charge to insert language in an outside section of the budget that strengthened the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust, further clarifying the critical role of the 5-member Trust. Thanks to her leadership, the language was included, survived 2 vetoes of the Governor and all restrictions to hire critical watershed staff has been removed.

Senator Michael Rodrigues: The Chairman’s advocacy allowed Senator Gobi’s outside section amendment to remain in the FY22 Senate version of the budget. He successfully pushed to keep it as part of the final version, overriding Governor Baker’s vetoes on two separate occasions speaking on its critical importance on the Senate floor.

Representative Aaron M. Michlewitz: The Chairman did not allow language pushed by the Governor which would have allowed the Chair of the MWRA Board of Directors to appoint a designee in their stead, forever changing the carefully enacted balance on the MWRA Board of Directors. He also initiated the overrides on the Governor’s vetoes, which strengthened the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust.

D. Legislative Staffers of the Year Awards

In addition to the Legislator of the Year awards, the Advisory Board also named two Legislative Staffers of the Year. W. Stuart Loosemore was instrumental in advancing the Advisory Board's language strengthening the Water Supply Protection Trust's role. Joseph Masciangioli, Counsel to House Speaker Mariano, was also awarded for helping to keep funding for Debt Service Assistance in the final budget, which directly reduces costs for ratepayers.

E. 2021 Advisory Board Retail Rate Survey

Director of Finance, James Guidod, discussed the 2021 Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey. The survey questionnaire is out and ready to be completed. The survey results will be presented in the January 2021 Advisory Board meeting. Additionally, Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, have an overview of the new Advisory Board website, which will be launching next week.

F. Regionalization

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, continued discussion on how the long-standing concept of a regional water system for the greater Boston area could play a pivotal role in confronting the growing PFAS issues facing Commonwealth communities. The presentation included potential available federal and state funding and possible advantages of waiving the entrance fee for incoming communities.

G. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Advisory Board Mission Statement

John Sullivan moved for the approval the drafted Advisory Board Mission Statement. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

H. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Updates to Advisory Board Bylaws

JR Greene moved for the approval the drafted Advisory Bylaws. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

I. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

A motion was made by John Sullivan for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from September 16, 2021
- Approval of drafted Advisory Board Mission Statement
- Approval of drafted Advisory Board Bylaws
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by Dave Manugian

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.