



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 | | <i>Quabbin and Ware Watershed</i> | Yes |
| ASHLAND | | <i>Wachusett Watershed</i> | |
| BEDFORD | Yes | <i>Connecticut River Basin</i> | |
| BELMONT | | MAPC | |
| BOSTON | Yes | | |
| BRAINTREE | | | |
| BROOKLINE | Yes | | |
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| CAMBRIDGE | | | |
| CANTON | Yes | | |
| CHELSEA | | | |
| CHICOPEE | | | |
| CLINTON | | | |
| DEDHAM | | | |
| EVERETT | | | |
| FRAMINGHAM | Yes | | |
| HINGHAM | | | |
| HOLBROOK | | | |
| LEOMINSTER | | | |
| LEXINGTON | | | |
| LYNN | | | |
| LYNNFIELD | | | |
| MALDEN | Yes | | |
| MARBLEHEAD | Yes | | |
| MARLBOROUGH | | | |
| MEDFORD | | | |
| MELROSE | Yes | | |
| MILTON | Yes | | |
| NAHANT | | | |
| NATICK | | | |
| NEEDHAM | Yes | | |
| NEWTON | Yes | | |
| NORTHBOROUGH | | | |
| NORWOOD | Yes | | |
| PEABODY | | | |
| QUINCY | | | |
| RANDOLPH | | | |
| READING | | | |
| REVERE | | | |
| SAUGUS | | | |
| SOMERVILLE | | | |
| SOUTH HADLEY | | | |
| SOUTHBOROUGH | Yes | | |
| STONEHAM | Yes | | |
| STOUGHTON | | | |
| SWAMPSCOTT | | | |
| WAKEFIELD | Yes | | |
| WALPOLE | Yes | | |

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Yes

B. Action Item: Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from January 19, 2023

David Manugian moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2022. Michael Trotta 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, acknowledged Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors, Andrew Pappastergion, who was appointed Vice-Chair of the MWRA Board of Directors. He went on to note that there continue to be productive talks related to system expansion. Similar to the community discussions in the metro-west area, communities in the southern system area have begun to meet and discuss system expansion. Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, gave recent legislative updates. He is scheduled to meet with incoming legislators on March 9. Additionally, PFAS legislation has been filed by Representative Hogan and Senator Cyr.

D. PRESENTATION: DCR Watershed Management Annual Update - John Scannell - Division of Water Supply Protection Director

Division of Water Supply Protection Director, John Scannell, gave an update on watershed operations. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).

E. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Lou Taverna

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that The process for electing an Advisory Board representative to the open seat on the MWRA Board of Directors has progressed as implemented by the Executive Committee. To date, Chairman Lou Taverna has submitted his intent to run.

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Director of Finance, James Guiod, reviewed the proposed FY24 Capital Improvement Program and Current Expense Budget. The PFY24 CIP begins a new five-year cap which totals \$1.2 million. The proposed CIP includes a 25% spending rate adjustment based on historical underspending. The PFY24 CEB has a Rate Revenue Requirement of \$842.5 million, a 3.42% increase from last year. Challenges on the horizon for this year's budget review process include pension funding and challenges related to PFAS regulations and biosolids.

F. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

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

- *Approval of meeting minutes from January 19, 2023*
- *Meeting Adjournment*

The motion was seconded by Elena Proakis-Elis.

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.