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Friday, April 15, 2022

Remote Connection via Zoom

10:00 AM

Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Lou Taverna	Newton
David Manugian	Bedford	Nicholas Rystrom	Revere
John Sullivan	Boston	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Jay Hersey	Brookline	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
John Sanchez	Burlington	Andrew Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board Staff
David Pavlik	Lexington	Matthew Romero	Advisory Board Staff
Maurice Handel	MAPC	James Guidon	Advisory Board Staff
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

A. Opening Roll Call

A commencing roll call was voted as follows:

Name	Community	Vote
Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Yes
David Manugian	Bedford	Yes
John P. Sullivan, Jr.	Boston	Yes
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Yes
John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes
Yem Lip	Malden	
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	Yes
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	
Richard Raiche	Somerville	
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
John P. DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes

B. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from March 11, 2022

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the drafted March 11, 2022 Executive Committee minutes.

David Manugian seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.



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C. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, highlighted the sale of Pan Am Railways to CSX Transportation. CSX Transportation has agreed to significant improvements to the railway in the Wachusett Watershed area. He went on to note that the May 2022 Advisory Board meeting will include a Lead and Copper Forum with Training Contact Hours. The May meeting will also include the election of an Advisory Board representative to the MWRA Board of Directors. Those interested in running should submit their letters of intent and resumes before the May 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

D. Preview of Advisory Board's Comments & Recommendations on the MWRA's FY23 CIP and CEB

Director of Finance, James Guidod, gave a presentation previewing the Advisory Board's developing Comments & Recommendations on the MWRA's proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program and Current Expense Budget. Staff anticipate the Advisory Board's recommended combined rate increase for FY23 will be in the range of 2.85% to 2.95%. Influences on this year's budget review process include the MWRA personnel vacancy rate, use of rate stabilization on the water utility rate, and the nearing 2030 MWRA pension full funding date.

E. Advisory Board's Draft FY23 Operating Budget

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, gave updates on progress of the Advisory Board's Draft FY23 Operating Budget. He anticipated that the proposed budget would be \$599,470, a 0.7% increase from the approved FY22 budget. The budget will be voted on in May.

F. Updates

- Regulatory Issues: The Advisory Board continues to monitor the developments related to the MWRA pretreatment and the Clean Water Act, CSO discharges, and the NPDES permitting process.
- Hybrid Meeting Survey Results: The survey results showed that most Executive Committee members would be comfortable meeting in person and would prefer to have the option of a hybrid meeting system. Staff have been exploring options to facilitate hybrid Executive Committee meetings.
- Operations Committee Recap: The Operations Committee recently met and received a briefing from MWRA staff on the the new SSO reporting requirements. The committee also had actions items on the MWRA local assistance programs. These motions will be part of the April Advisory Board meeting.

G. Approval of April 21, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the proposed April 21, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda. David Manugian seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.



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H. Approvals and Adjournment

Maurice Handel moved for the adjournment of the meeting following the omnibus roll call vote. David Manugian seconded the motion.

A roll call vote for:

- Approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from March 11, 2022
- Approval of April 21, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Adjournment

was made and was voted as follows:

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Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Yes
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Jay Hersey	Brookline	Yes
John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes
Yem Lip	Malden	
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	Yes
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	
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Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
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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.