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Friday, June 10, 2022

MWRA Board of Directors Room  
100 First Avenue, Boston, MA 02129  
with Remote Connection via Zoom

10:00 AM

## Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Lou Taverna	Newton
John Sullivan	Boston	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Richard Raiche	Somerville
John Sanchez	Burlington	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Susan Herman	Stoughton
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Andrew Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
David Pavlik	Lexington	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board Staff
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Matthew Romero	Advisory Board Staff
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	James Guidod	Advisory Board Staff
Jeremy Marsette	Natick		

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Opening Roll Call

A commencing roll call was voted as follows:

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



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## **B. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from May 13, 2022**

*Elena Proakis Ellis moved for the approval of the drafted May 13, 2022 Executive Committee minutes. Michael Rademacher 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.

## **D. 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 Executive Committee vote to allow remote participation for future meetings as a workaround.

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

## **E. MWRA's proposed FY23 CEB and CIP**

Director of Finance, James Guidod, 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.

## **F. Summer Field Trip**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained some of the difficulties facing the summer field trip planning process and that we would like to measure the preferences of the Executive Committee. COVID-19 parameters still limit what can be done in a group setting. Executive Committee members expressed interest in a field trip where members drove themselves.

## **G. Action Item: Update: Operations Committee Meeting - Wastewater Metering Update - July 2022**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, highlighted the topics of the upcoming Operations Committee meeting. The meeting will review the differences in flow data since the installation of the new meters.

## **H. Approval of June 16, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**

*Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the proposed June 16, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda. John DeAmicis seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*



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## I. New Business

None

## J. Executive Session

*Maurice Handel moved for the entrance into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. David Manugian seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows:*

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David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes (remote)
Yem Lip	Malden	
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes (remote)
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	Yes
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Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes (remote)
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
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*The Executive Committee returned to open session after discussing selection of outside counsel related to potential litigation in Executive Session. While in Executive Session the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Advisory Board that it select Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. as the Advisory Board's outside counsel to assist with the Clinton and Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES permits. The Committee also discussed conversations with inside legal counsel on the entrance fee waiver for communities.*

## K. Approvals and Adjournments

*Maurice Handel moved for the adjournment of the meeting following the omnibus roll call vote. Elena Proakis Ellis seconded the motion.*

A roll call vote for:

- Approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from May 13, 2022
- Extended Remote Participation
- Approval of June 16, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Adjournment

was made and was voted as follows:



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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.