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Friday, March 11, 2022

Remote Connection via Zoom

10:00 AM

Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Lou Taverna	Newton
David Manugian	Bedford	Nicholas Rystrom	Revere
John Sullivan	Boston	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Richard Raiche	Somerville
John Sanchez	Burlington	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Sam Corda	Cambridge	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Andrew Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
David Pavlik	Lexington	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board Staff
Yem Lip	Malden	Matthew Romero	Advisory Board Staff
Maurice Handel	MAPC	James Guid	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
Sam Corda	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes
Yem Lip	Malden	(arrived after roll vote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	Yes
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	(arrived after roll vote)
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	Yes
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
John P. DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes

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

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the drafted February 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, discussed the recent meeting with the Speaker's Office that he attended with MWRA Director, Fred Laskey. The meeting covered, debt service, maintenance of state dams, and the recent developments from the PFAS Interagency Task Force. He continued on to highlight the first meeting of the joint task force between the MWRA and the Advisory Board on planning around state and federal funding.

D. Overview of MWRA's Proposed FY23 Current Expense Budget

Director of Finance, James Guidod, discussed the MWRA's proposed FY23 CEB rate revenue requirement of \$818.4 million or 3.42% (3.93% water, 3.14% sewer). Areas of interest, as staff move deeper into the budget process, include the MWRA vacancy rate, the watershed vacancy rate, fluctuations in market pricing, rate stabilization, and pension.

E. Preview of 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 budget would be level to the FY22 Operating Budget. The draft budget should be available during the next Executive Committee meeting.

F. Updates

- Regionalization/Entrance Fee: Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that Advisory Board staff assembled a pros/cons summary of adjusting the MWRA entrance fee policy using Executive Committee feedback. This sheet was packaged with other materials on the topic and formatted for the full Advisory Board to review.
- Deer Island NPDES Permit: Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, discussed recent discussions between Advisory Board and MWRA staff related to the NPDES permit development process. He emphasized that the communities remain in agreement that co-permittees should not be a part the new permit.
- CLF Lawsuit: Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that the Conservation Law Foundation had notified its membership that it intends to file a lawsuit against the MWRA regarding its industrial pretreatment program. Advisory Board staff will provide updates on matter as they become available.

G. Approval of March 17, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

David Manugian moved for the approval of the proposed March 17, 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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H. Approvals and Adjournment

John Sullivan 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 February 11, 2022
- Approval of March 17, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Adjournment

was made and 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
Sam Corda	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes
Yem Lip	Malden	Yes
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	Yes
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	Yes
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	Yes
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
John P. DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes

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.