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Representing Over 3 Million People in Massachusetts Communities Since 1985

Friday, February 10, 2023

MWRA Advisory Board Office  
100 First Avenue, Boston, MA 02129  
with Remote Connection via Zoom  
10:00 AM

## Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Richard Raiche	Somerville
David Manugian	Bedford	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Susan Herman	Stoughton
John Sanchez	Burlington	Joseph Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Cat Fox-Lent	Chelsea	Andrew Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
David Pavlik	Lexington	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board Staff
Lou Taverna	Newton	Matthew Romero	Advisory Board Staff
Yem Lip	Malden	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 (remote)
David Manugian	Bedford	Yes (remote)
John P. Sullivan, Jr.	Boston	Yes (remote)
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Yes (remote)
John G. Sanchez	Burlington	(arrived after vote)
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Yes (remote)
Cate Fox-Lent	Chelsea	Yes (remote)
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes (remote)
Yem Lip	Malden	(arrived after vote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	(arrived after vote)
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
John P. DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes

### A. Executive Session

The Executive Committee entered executive session to discuss non-union personnel contract negotiations and litigation strategy. No votes were taken in executive session.



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## B. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that the Advisory Board would be receiving a briefing on watershed operations at the next meeting. He explained that the Advisory Board would continue interest in the status of the watershed forestry program. Mr. Favaloro also noted that the Advisory Board is on track to hold its Board of Director's Representative elections in March. To date, Chairman Lou Taverna has submitted his intent to run.

## C. ACTION ITEM – Approval of Incoming Executive Director Employment Agreement

*John Sullivan moved for the approval of Incoming Executive Director Employment Agreement as posted in the meeting materials. John DeAmicis seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting. A roll call was voted as follows:*

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Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Yes (remote)
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John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes (remote)
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Yes (remote)
Cate Fox-Lent	Chelsea	Yes (remote)
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes (remote)
Yem Lip	Malden	Yes (remote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes (remote)
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	
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Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
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## D. Update - Proposed FY24 Budget Review Process

Director of Finance, James Guidod, 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.

## E. Update – System Expansion

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that similarly to the community discussions in the metro-west area, communities in the southern system area have begun to meet and discuss system expansion. A metro area study is still being conducted. Communities in the watershed area have expressed interest in a study relating to system expansion in the Quabbin area as well.



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## F. Action Item: Approval of the February 16, 2023 Advisory Board meeting agenda

*Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the February 16, 2023 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.*

## G. Action Item: Approval of Executive Committee meeting minutes from January 19, 2023

*Richard Raiche moved for the approval of Executive Committee meeting minutes from January 19, 2023. John DeAmicis seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

## H. Approvals and Adjournment

*Maurice Handel moved for the adjournment of the meeting following the omnibus roll call vote. John DeAmicis seconded the motion.*

A roll call for:

- Approval of the February 16, 2023 Advisory Board meeting agenda
- Approval of Executive Committee meeting minutes from January 19, 2023
- Meeting Adjournment

was voted as follows:

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Jay Hersey	Brookline	
John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes (remote)
Julie Greenwood-Torelli	Cambridge	Yes (remote)
Cate Fox-Lent	Chelsea	Yes (remote)
David Pavlik	Lexington	Yes (remote)
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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.