



MWRA Advisory Board

Executive Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018
8:30 AM

Advisory Board Conference Room
100 1st Avenue, Building 39-4
Boston, MA 02129

Attendees

Lou Taverna	Newton	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Michael Rademacher	Arlington	John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors
John Sanchez	Burlington	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Robert King	Somerville	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board staff
John DeAmicis	Stoneham	Matt Romero	Advisory Board staff
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	James Guido	Advisory Board staff
Lou Mamolette	Chelsea	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board staff
David Manugian	Bedford	Cornelia Potter	Advisory Board staff

DRAFT MINUTES

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:40 am, and welcomed members and other attendees.

A. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of May 11, 2018. The motion was approved.

B. Office Updates

1. Staff Update

Mr. Romero reported that he had been offered a position at Massport as the Executive Director of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Pending successful contract negotiations, a transition to the new position will be negotiated with the Advisory Board office. The Executive Committee will be kept informed. Members of the Committee offered their congratulations.

2. Report of Discussion by the Board of Directors of the Advisory Board's Comments and Recommendation on the MWRA's Proposed Current Expense and Capital Improvement Program Budgets

Mr. Romero reported that the Board of Directors, on May 30, accepted the Advisory Board's recommendation of a wholesale rate assessment of 3.07%. The Board also came close to the Advisory Board's recommendation for a capital spending cap amount to be set at no greater than \$950 million; the agreed-to amount was \$985 million. The Advisory Board's recommendation regarding OPEB was also agreed to, as was the recommendation regarding the schedule for meeting funding requirements for the pension fund. The Advisory Board also expects that the Authority will be working with the Advisory Board to meet the recommendation regarding rate increases between now and 2028, while recognizing that some flexibility needs to be agreed to due to changing future conditions that cannot be known at this time. Pension issues will continue to be a subject of discussion going forward.

Joseph E. Favaloro, Executive Director

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Mr. Favaloro noted, that while there was no formal vote of the Board on revisions to the proposed budgets, there was a “sense of the Board.” It will culminate at the meeting of the Board on June 20, when an official vote of the Board will be taken.

3. Meeting with the Conservation Law Foundation

Mr. Favaloro reported that he and Advisory Board staff met in recent days with representatives of the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF). The principal purpose was to discuss common areas as they relate to primacy. CLF believes that the Authority should become the stormwater agency. Second, there was discussion about the City of Cambridge regarding composting, and how this may relate to the beneficial reuse of the Authority’s pellets.

C. Nomination of an Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors

Staff reported that there was one candidate to serve as the Advisory Board’s Representative to the Board of Directors. The incumbent has expressed interest in continuation as the third representative to the Board, and has submitted his papers and has spoken with the Executive Committee about his interest in being a candidate, at a previous meeting. A motion was made and seconded; noting that there were no other nominees, the motion was approved. The vote of the full Advisory Board will take place at the next meeting of the Advisory Board on June 15, 2018.

D. Support for Malden’s Request for a Six-Month Extension of Phase VI I/I Grant/Loan Funds

A motion was made and seconded to approve Malden’s requests for a six-month extension of their Phase VI I/I Grant/Loan funds, to allow time to submit an application for these funds. The motion carried.

E. Executive Director’s Annual Evaluation

The committee voted to go into executive session to review the Executive Director’s performance as follows:

John DeAmicis	Yes	Ralph Pecora	Yes
Robert King	Yes	Michael Rademacher	Yes
Lou Mamotte	Yes	John Sanchez	Yes
David Manugian	Yes	Lou Taverna	Yes
Brendan O'Regan	Yes		

Upon coming back into open session, the committee stated that they had evaluated the performance of the Executive Director as “excellent”. The committee also noted they had increased the Executive Director’s annual salary by 3%, rolled his car allowance into his salary (eliminating the car allowance), and extended his contract until 2021.

F. Approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for June 15, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting of the Advisory Board of June 15, 2018. The motion carried.

G. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at **10:03 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Rademacher, Secretary