



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019
11:30 am

Canton Public Library
786 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021

Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	John Cosgrove, Jr.	Needham
John Sullivan	Boston	Lou Taverna	Newton
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Bernie Cooper	Norwood
John Sanchez	Burlington	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Michael Trotta	Canton	J. R. Greene	Gubernatorial Appointee Quabbin/Ware
Robert Higgins	Hingham	Barbara Wyatt	Gubernatorial Appointee Wachusett
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Joseph Conway	Wakefield
Yem Lip	Malden	Pat Fasanello	Walpole
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Joe Labao	Wilmington
Amy McHugh	Marblehead	William Shaughnessy	Wellesley
Moe Handel	MAPC		

Other Attendees

Beth Card	MWRA	Lise Marx	MWRA
Mike Cole	MWRA	Andreae Downs	WAC
David Coppes	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
Tom Durkin	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Kristen Hall	MWRA	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board
Jim Halloran	MWRA	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board
Matt Horan	MWRA	James Guiod	Advisory Board
Steve Estes-Smargiassi	MWRA		

36 people were in attendance, including 21 voting members.

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Draft Meeting Summary

A. Welcome

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 11:32 AM and welcomed all attendees to the Canton Public Library.

B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of November 15, 2018.

C. **Report of the Executive Director**

Advisory Board Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, advised the report of the Executive Director would be broken into pieces, presented by Advisory Board staff throughout the meeting.

Later on, Mr. Favaloro, explained that the format for the publications of the Board of Directors Summaries, Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes would be revamped to reflect readership preferences and utilize available web resources. He also noted that Cornelia Potter would be retiring from the Advisory Board staff and acknowledged her many contributions.

Mr. Favaloro also noted that Advisory Board staff would be visiting communities in the service area over the next few months to meet community officials, learn about important community happenings, and share MWRA and Advisory Board activities.

D. **Presentation: MWRA Master Plan**

MWRA Director of Planning and Sustainability, Steve Estes-Smargiassi, and MWRA Senior Planning Program Manager, Lise Marx, presented on the quinquennial updates to the Authority's master plan. The final, updated master plan is expected to be released within the next couple of months. Presentation materials are available on the [Advisory Board website](#).

E. **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna

• **Protecting MWRA Communities and Ratepayers**

○ **DCR Watershed Staffing**

Advisory Board Analyst, James Guiod, outlined the continued presence of staff vacancies within DCR watershed operations. He explained that the February Advisory Board meeting in Needham will feature the annual watershed update from DCR.

○ **Monitoring for Plastics and Pharmaceuticals**

Advisory Board Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, emphasized the importance of distinguishing MWRA outfall discharges into Boston harbor from non-MWRA discharges. He noted the importance of limiting MWRA resources for outfall monitoring and testing to being limited to only MWRA discharges.

○ **TRAC Cost Recovery**

Advisory Board Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that the Advisory Board efforts over the last few budget cycles, working with MWRA and TRAC staff, have been successful. Commencing with the FY20 budget, there will be a series of increases for industrial discharge permitting fees over a five-year period.

• **Advisory Board June Workshop**

Advisory Board Community Specialist, Lenna Ostrodka, advised that the Advisory Board will be hosting a workshop on water and wastewater infrastructure financing on Friday, June 21, 2019, at Boston College. The workshop will help communities explore the local, state, and national resources available for water and wastewater infrastructure financing.

Finance Committee – Bernard Cooper

• **Advisory Board Budget Review Process and Timeline**

Advisory Board Director of Finance and Policy, Travis Ahern, explained that the FY20 MWRA Capital Improvement Program budget was recently transmitted to the Advisory Board for review. The FY20 MWRA Current Expense Budget is on schedule to be transmitted at the February 2019 MWRA Board of Directors meeting. Initial Advisory Board Comments and

Recommendations for FY20 will be reviewed at the March 2019 Advisory Board Meeting. The final Comments and Recommendations will be voted on by the Advisory Board in the May 2019 meeting.

MWRA Director of Finance, Tom Durkin, introduced incoming MWRA Budget Manager, Michael Cole, and incoming MWRA Budget Director, Jim Halloran.

Operations Committee – John G. Sanchez

- **Highlights from January 8 Operations Committee Meeting**

Advisory Board Operations Committee Chairman, John Sanchez, reviewed the highlights from the January 8, 2019, Operations Committee meeting in Burlington. Mr. Sanchez noted the meeting was very well attended. Topics, discussed at length, included updates to the MWRA Master Plan, progress of the wastewater metering project, and community meter data online access.

F. **Other Items**

G. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Advisory Board meetings that are available upon request.