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NOTICE

(PLEASE POST)

Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting/public hearing of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held online via remote access on April 15, at 10:00 AM. Instructions for accessing the meeting can be found on the online [event page](#) at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event You can join by calling in or by using your computer or mobile device. The proposed agenda for the meeting will be made final at an open meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM, also held [remotely](#). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than April 9, 2021, with any additional items for the final agenda.



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MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Online Remote [GoToMeeting \(www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event\)](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event)

(pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law)

10:00 AM

AGENDA

- A. **Welcome**
- B. **Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from Mach 18, 2021**
- C. **Report of the Executive Director**
- D. **MWRA Updates** – Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director
- E. **Committee Reports**
 - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna, Chairman
 - Watershed Update
 - Process/timeline to elect Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors
 - Advisory Board PFY22 Operating Budget
 - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis, Interim Chair
 - Status of emerging Advisory Board Comments and Recommendations on the MWRA PFY22 CEB and CIP
 - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
 - CSO Stakeholders Meeting
 - Working Group for the Metropolitan Redundancy Tunnel
- F. **Other Business**
- G. **Adjournment**

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MWRA ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2022				
	Approved FY21	Proposed FY22	Change from FY21	Notes
PERSONNEL				
Regular employees	4 full time	4 full time		
Part-Time employees				
Total employees	\$439,310	\$439,310	0.0%	
Consultant/Contract Employee	\$0	\$0		
Benefits	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	
Medicare	\$6,370	\$6,370	0.0%	
SUBTOTAL	\$8,870	\$8,870	0.0%	
OFFICE SPACE				
Rent	\$72,000	\$74,000	2.8%	
Insurance & Workers' Comp.	\$2,900	\$2,900	0.0%	
SUBTOTAL	\$74,900	\$76,900	2.7%	
MATERIALS				
Office & PC supplies	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.0%	
Postage	\$1,500	\$500	-66.7%	
Printing	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	
SUBTOTAL	\$12,500	\$11,500	-8.0%	
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT				
Furniture & Fixtures				
Equipment	\$0	\$0		
SUBTOTAL				
OTHER EXPENSES				
Audit & Accounting	\$22,700	\$22,700	0.0%	
Equipment Maintenance	\$200	\$0	-100.0%	
Equipment Lease	\$7,324	\$3,000	-59.0%	ipad leases, copier, neopost
Education/Training/Conferences	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	memberships to w/ww organizations
Information Services/Telecom*	\$8,100	\$9,948	22.8%	
Public Meetings	\$20,000	\$17,000	-15.0%	
Publications	\$350	\$350		
Advertising/Legal Notices	\$300	\$300	0.0%	
Members' Reimbursement	\$2,600	\$2,600	0.0%	
Miscellaneous/Payroll Expense				
Temp Help	\$0	\$0		
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50		
SUBTOTAL	\$64,124	\$58,448	-8.9%	
Previous year surplus				
SUBTOTAL	\$599,704	\$595,028	-0.8%	
Interest Income				
MWRA CONTRIBUTIONS				



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via GoToMeeting

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, March 18, 2021
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING**

(pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law)

10:00 AM

Draft Meeting Summary

A. Welcome

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed all attendees. He noted the virtual meeting would be recorded. An opening roll call vote was had and voted as follows:

COMMUNITY	VOTE	APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION	VOTE
ARLINGTON	Yes	<i>Quabbin and Ware Watershed</i>	Yes
ASHLAND		<i>Wachusett Watershed</i>	
BEDFORD		<i>Connecticut River Basin</i>	
BELMONT		MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE	Yes		
CANTON			
CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM			
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK	Yes		
NEEDHAM	Yes		
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING			
REVERE			
SAUGUS	Yes		
SOMERVILLE	Yes		
SOUTH HADLEY			

SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	
WALPOLE	
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	

B. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, praised communities in all of their efforts as they move closer towards the end of the pandemic. He noted that Advisory Board staff are hoping that a hybrid Advisory Board meeting, allowing for in-person attendance, will be possible in the fall. The MWRA Lead and Copper Workshop will now be held on May 20, concurrently with the May Advisory Board meeting. Advisory Board staff and MWRA staff will be meeting with the 495 Partnership to discuss a regional water supply approach at the end of the month. The Advisory Board’s current lease in the Charlestown Navy Yard will expire in May of 2023, and the MWRA will be moving its headquarters out of the Navy Yard at that time. The Advisory Board must explore options such as remaining in the Navy Yard, moving with the MWRA to Chelsea and/or Deer Island, or establishing space elsewhere.

C. Advisory Board Public Hearing on the MWRA's Proposed FY22 CEB/FY 22 CIP - Tom Durkin, MWRA Director of Finance; Michael Cole, Budget Director; Matt Horan, Deputy Director of Finance/Treasurer; James Coyne, Budget Manager

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, read the formal Notice of Public Hearing. (See materials for the Advisory Board meeting.) The Chairman noted that the public hearing was open. The public hearing was put on hold so that the public can hear a [presentation](#) of the MWRA’s Proposed FY22 Current Expense Budget by Tom Durkin (MWRA Chief Financial Officer), Matt Horan (MWRA Treasurer), Mike Cole (MWRA Budget Director), and Jim Coyne (MWRA Budget Manager).

D. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021

John DeAmicis moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021. John Sanchez seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

E. Watershed Update

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that the anticipated water filtration avoidance report has still not been released. He anticipated that better insight on the matter will be gained by the April Advisory Board meeting. The watershed budget continues to be underbudget, largely due to its understaffing. He noted that he anticipated MWRA staff and Advisory Board staff would likely be discussing this during the budget review process.

F. Highlights from March 2, 2021 Operations Committee Meeting

Operations Committee Chairman, John Sanchez, noted that the March 2 meeting was well attended. Topics included the recent changes to the sewer notification law, upcoming changes to the Lead Copper Rule, and the status of the ongoing wastewater metering replacement project.

G. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

A motion was made by John DeAmicis for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from February 2021
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by John Sanchez

A rollcall of all voting Advisory Board communities and organizations was held weighted by community share of the MWRA system (organizations having a share 0.5% each). The rollcall results were as follows:

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WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
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WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	

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.