



# Advocacy & Accountability

Representing Over 3 Million People in Massachusetts Communities Since 1985

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Title</u>	<u>PDF Page No.</u>
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda	2
Public Meeting Notice	3
Draft Minutes from November 2021 Advisory Board Meeting	4



# Advocacy & Accountability

Representing Over 3 Million People in Massachusetts Communities Since 1985

## MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Online Remote [Zoom](https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) ([www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event](https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event))

(pursuant to An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law)

**10:00 AM**

### AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2021
- C. Report of the Executive Director
- D. **Presentation:** Getting Ready – SRF/DEP Perspective on Infrastructure Funding Startup – Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Mass Clean Water Trust & Maria Pinaud, Division of Municipal Services Director
- E. 2021 Advisory Board Retail Rate Survey
- F. Regionalization and System Expansion
- G. Committee Reports
  - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
    - Joint MWRA/AB Infrastructure Committee
  - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
    - Update – MWRA’s Proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
  - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
    - Update – Wastewater Metering
- H. New Business
- I. Adjournment



# Advocacy & Accountability

Representing Over 3 Million People in Massachusetts Communities Since 1985

\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

(PLEASE POST)

## Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held online via remote access on January 20, at 10:00 AM. Instructions for accessing the meeting can be found on the online [event page](#) at [www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event](http://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, January 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM, also held [remotely](#). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than January 14, 2022, with any additional items for the final agenda.



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

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

**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:

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
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			
CANTON			
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM			
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD			
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE			
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM			
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS			
SOMERVILLE			
SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON			
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD	Yes		
WALPOLE	Yes		
WALTHAM			

WATERTOWN  
 WELLESLEY  
 WESTON  
 WESTWOOD           Yes  
 WEYMOUTH  
 WILBRAHAM  
 WILMINGTON        Yes  
 WINCHESTER  
 WINTHROP  
 WOBURN  
 WORCESTER

**B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021**

*Michael Rademacher moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

**C. Legislators of the Year Awards**

Chairman, Lou Taverna, and Executive Director, Joe Favaloro introduced the Advisory Board’s 2021 Legislators of the Year, thanking them for their support.

**Senator Anne M. Gobi:** Senator Gobi has long been an advocate for her constituents who reside in the watershed area as well as the 3 million residents of Massachusetts who enjoy the best drinking water in the country. For the FY22 budget, the Senator’s actions and advocacy went to another level. Senator Gobi led the charge to insert language in an outside section of the budget that strengthened the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust, further clarifying the critical role of the 5-member Trust. Thanks to her leadership, the language was included, survived 2 vetoes of the Governor and all restrictions to hire critical watershed staff has been removed.

**Senator Michael Rodrigues:** The Chairman’s advocacy allowed Senator Gobi’s outside section amendment to remain in the FY22 Senate version of the budget. He successfully pushed to keep it as part of the final version, overriding Governor Baker’s vetoes on two separate occasions speaking on its critical importance on the Senate floor.

**Representative Aaron M. Michlewitz:** The Chairman did not allow language pushed by the Governor which would have allowed the Chair of the MWRA Board of Directors to appoint a designee in their stead, forever changing the carefully enacted balance on the MWRA Board of Directors. He also initiated the overrides on the Governor’s vetoes, which strengthened the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust.

**D. Legislative Staffers of the Year Awards**

In addition to the Legislator of the Year awards, the Advisory Board also named two Legislative Staffers of the Year. W. Stuart Loosemore was instrumental in advancing the Advisory Board's language strengthening the Water Supply Protection Trust's role. Joseph Masciangioli, Counsel to House Speaker Mariano, was also awarded for helping to keep funding for Debt Service Assistance in the final budget, which directly reduces costs for ratepayers.

**E. 2021 Advisory Board Retail Rate Survey**

Director of Finance, James Guiod, discussed the 2021 Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey. The survey questionnaire is out and ready to be completed. The survey results will be presented in the January 2021 Advisory Board meeting. Additionally, Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, have an overview of the new Advisory Board website, which will be launching next week.

**F. Regionalization**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, continued discussion on how the long-standing concept of a regional water system for the greater Boston area could play a pivotal role in confronting the growing PFAS issues facing Commonwealth communities. The presentation included potential available federal and state funding and possible advantages of waiving the entrance fee for incoming communities.

**G. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Advisory Board Mission Statement**

*John Sullivan moved for the approval the drafted Advisory Board Mission Statement. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

**H. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Updates to Advisory Board Bylaws**

*JR Greene moved for the approval the drafted Advisory Bylaws. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

**I. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment**

A motion was made by John Sullivan for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from September 16, 2021
- Approval of drafted Advisory Board Mission Statement
- Approval of drafted Advisory Board Bylaws
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by Dave Manugian

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:

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
ARLINGTON	Yes	Quabbin and Ware Watershed	Yes
ASHLAND		Wachusett Watershed	
BEDFORD	Yes	Connecticut River Basin	
BELMONT		MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON			
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			

DEDHAM	
EVERETT	
FRAMINGHAM	
HINGHAM	
HOLBROOK	
LEOMINSTER	
LEXINGTON	
LYNN	
LYNNFIELD	Yes
MALDEN	
MARBLEHEAD	Yes
MARLBOROUGH	
MEDFORD	Yes
MELROSE	
MILTON	
NAHANT	
NATICK	Yes
NEEDHAM	
NEWTON	Yes
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORWOOD	
PEABODY	
QUINCY	
RANDOLPH	
READING	Yes
REVERE	
SAUGUS	
SOMERVILLE	
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	Yes
WALPOLE	Yes
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	Yes
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
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.