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NOTICE

(PLEASE POST)

Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held online via remote access on September 15, 2022 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, September 9, 2022, at 10:00 AM, also held [remotely](#). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than September 12, 2022, with any additional items for the final agenda.



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MWRA ADVISORY BOARD, WSCAC, AND WAC JOINT MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2022

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

- A. **Roll call attendance**
- B. **Welcome**
- C. **Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2022**
- D. **Report of the Executive Director**
- E. **Presentation: FY23 priorities**
 - Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director
 - Joe Favaloro, AB Executive Director
 - Andreae Downs, WAC Executive Director
 - Lexi Dewey, WSCAC Executive Director
- F. **Committee Reports**
 - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
 - **Action Item:** Nomination and Election of FY23 Executive Committee
 - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
 - Update
- G. **Guest Speaker:** Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Beth Card
- H. **New Business**
- I. **Adjournment**



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	<u>FY22</u> <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED FY23</u> <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
Chair:	Lou Taverna, Newton	Lou Taverna, Newton
Vice Chair of Operations:	John G. Sanchez, Burlington	John G. Sanchez, Burlington
Vice Chair of Finance:	Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose	Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose
Treasurer:	John P. Sullivan, Boston	John P. Sullivan, Boston
Secretary:	Michael Rademacher, Arlington	Michael Rademacher, Arlington
At-Large:	Sam Corda, Cambridge John DeAmicis, Stoneham Moe Handel, MAPC Jay Hersey, Brookline Yem Lip, Malden Lou Mammolette, Chelsea David Manugian, Bedford Jeremy Marsette, Natick Brendan O'Regan, Saugus David Pavlik, Lexington Rich Raiche, Somerville Nicholas Rystrom, Revere Sam Stivers, Southborough VACANT (1)	Sam Corda, Cambridge John DeAmicis, Stoneham Moe Handel, MAPC Jay Hersey, Brookline Yem Lip, Malden Lou Mammolette, Chelsea David Manugian, Bedford Jeremy Marsette, Natick Brendan O'Regan, Saugus David Pavlik, Lexington Rich Raiche, Somerville Nicholas Rystrom, Revere Sam Stivers, Southborough VACANT (1)



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2022
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2022
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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	Yes	MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON			
CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN	Yes		
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK	Yes		
NEEDHAM			
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS	Yes		
SOMERVILLE	Yes		
SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON	Yes		
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD			
WALPOLE	Yes		

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

Yes

B. Action Item: A vote to allow remote participation under the Open Meeting Law

Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, reviewed the pending legislation that would extend current parameters for remote participation under the open meeting law. Noting that it was possible that the current parameters could expire over summer, he recommended the Advisory Board vote to allow remote participation for future meetings as a workaround.

Richard Raice moved for to allow remote participation under the Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20(d)) in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10 and that vote would apply to all subsequent meetings of the public body and its committees. John DeAmicis seconded the motion, and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

C. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, welcomed the Advisory Board’s summer intern, Cecelia Hampton. He went on to discuss the upcoming Advisory Board Field Trip, explaining some of the difficulties facing the planning process. Staff will have more updates available shortly. Similarly, the Executive Committee was able to have its first hybrid meeting. Staff will continue to explore hybrid options for the Advisory Board as well.

D. Discussion and Action Item: Proposal to modify MWRA Policy #OP.10 to waive the entrance fee

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, continued the discussion regarding a waiver to the MWRA entrance fee. He referenced the growing summary packet of content regarding adjusting the MWRA entrance fee policy using Executive Committee feedback. The packet of materials are available on the meeting event page [at this link](#). The meeting was opened to questions and comments.

Richard Raice moved for the proposal to modify MWRA Policy #OP.10 to waive the entrance fee be recommended to the MWRA Board of Directors. John DeAmicis seconded the motion. The rollcall results were as follows:

COMMUNITY	VOTE	APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION	VOTE
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ASHLAND		Wachusett Watershed	
BEDFORD		Connecticut River Basin	
BELMONT	Yes	MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		

CAMBRIDGE	Yes
CANTON	
CHELSEA	
CHICOPEE	
CLINTON	
DEDHAM	
EVERETT	
FRAMINGHAM	Yes
HINGHAM	
HOLBROOK	
LEOMINSTER	
LEXINGTON	
LYNN	
LYNNFIELD	Yes
MALDEN	Yes
MARBLEHEAD	
MARLBOROUGH	
MEDFORD	Yes
MELROSE	Yes
MILTON	
NAHANT	
NATICK	Yes
NEEDHAM	
NEWTON	Yes
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORWOOD	
PEABODY	
QUINCY	
RANDOLPH	
READING	Yes
REVERE	
SAUGUS	No
SOMERVILLE	Yes
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	No
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	
WALPOLE	Abstain
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	

E. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Louis Taverna

Action Item: Selection of special counsel to assist with MWRA’s NPDES permits

Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, introduced Drew Stillton and Marc Goldstien from Beveridge & Diamond PC, who the Executive Committee have recommended for counsel with respect to the ongoing NPDES permitting process.

Elena Proakis Ellis moved for the selection of Beveridge & Diamond PC for counsel with respect to the NPDES permitting process. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Director of Finance, James Guiod, gave an update on the budget status since the Advisory Board's Comments & Recommendations on the MWRA's proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program and Current Expense Budget were presented to the MWRA Board of Directors. He noted that the MWRA would likely be able to meet the Advisory Board's proposed combined rate revenue requirement of 2.85% but that the separate water and sewer utility rates may differ from the Advisory Board's recommendations.

Operations Committee – John Sanchez

Operations Chair, John Sanchez, highlighted the upcoming meeting to discuss trends in wastewater metering data since the new meters were installed. The meeting will be July 27, 2022 at 10:00.

F. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

A motion was made by J.R. Greene for:

- *Selection Beveridge & Diamond PC for NPDES counsel*
- *Extended Remote Participation*
- *Meeting adjournment*

The motion was seconded by Elena Proakis Ellis.

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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CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		

MALDEN	Yes
MARBLEHEAD	
MARLBOROUGH	
MEDFORD	Yes
MELROSE	Yes
MILTON	
NAHANT	
NATICK	Yes
NEEDHAM	Yes
NEWTON	Yes
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORWOOD	
PEABODY	
QUINCY	
RANDOLPH	
READING	Yes
REVERE	
SAUGUS	Yes
SOMERVILLE	Yes
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	Yes
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	
WALPOLE	Yes
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	
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.