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## Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held remotely via Zoom on April 20, 2023 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). Attendees can join by calling in or by using a 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 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM, which will be conducted remotely. The instructions for accessing the Executive Committee meeting remotely can be found on the online [event page](#) at [www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than April 12, 2023, with any additional items for the final agenda.



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## MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. Roll call attendance (Advisory Board)
- B. Welcome
- C. Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from March 16, 2023
- D. **Presentation – Difference Maker Awards**
  - Former MWRA Executive Director Paul Levy
  - Former MWRA Executive Director Doug MacDonald
  - Former MWRA Interim Executive Director Paul Shapiro
  - Current MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey
  - All MWRA staff past and present
- E. Report of the Executive Director/Incoming Executive Director
- F. **Presentation – Preview of Advisory Board comments and recommendations on MWRA’s proposed FY24 CEB & CIP – James Guiod, Advisory Board Director of Finance**
- G. **Committee Reports**
  - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
    - **Action Item:** Nomination and election of an Advisory Board representative to the MWRA Board of Directors for remainder of term expiring June 30, 2023
    - **Action Item:** Nomination and election of an Advisory Board representative to the MWRA Board of Directors for a three-year term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026
    - **Update:** Advisory Board move to Chelsea
  - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
    - **Update:**
  - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
    - **Update:** Operations Committee meeting recap and NPDES Permit updates
- H. **Adjournment**



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2023  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD, WSCAC, AND WAC JOINT MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023  
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**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	Quabbin and Ware Watershed	Yes
ASHLAND		Wachusett Watershed	
BEDFORD	Yes	Connecticut River Basin	
BELMONT		MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON	Yes		
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD			
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON	Yes		
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM	Yes		
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD	Yes		
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	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBBURN	
WORCESTER	Yes

**B. Action Tribute to John J. Carroll**

Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors, Andrew Pappastergion and MWRA Executive Director, made tributes to John J Carroll. A moment of silence was held for the late Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors. Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors, Andrew Pappastergion and MWRA Executive Director, made tributes to John J Carroll. A moment of silence was held for the late Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors.

**C. Action Item: Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from February 16, 2023**

*David Manugian moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022. John DeAmicis seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

**D. Report of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director**

Deputy Executive Director. Matthew Romero, gave updates on the Deer Island NPDES permitting process, noting that there would be a listening session held by EPA Region 1 later in the month. Advisory Board staff remains focus on the issue of co-permittees issue. There will also be an Operation Committee meeting, which will include the topic, on Thursday, April 13. Executive Director, Joseph Favaloro, gave a legislative update, focusing of introduced CSO and watershed legislation.

**E. Advisory Board Public Hearing on the MWRA's Proposed FY24 CEB & CIP - Tom Durkin, MWRA Director of Finance; Michael Cole, Budget Director; Matt Horan, Deputy Director of Finance/Treasurer; James Coyne, Budget Manager; Leo Norton, Rates Manager**

Advisory Board Secretary, Michael Rademacher, read the formal Notice of Public Hearing. (See materials for the Advisory Board meeting.) Chairman, Lou Taverna, noted that the public hearing was open. The public hearing was put on hold so that the public could view a [presentation](#) of the MWRA's Proposed FY24 Current Expense Budget and Proposed FY24 Capital Improvement Program by Tom Durkin (MWRA Chief Financial Officer), Matt Horan (MWRA Treasurer), Mike Cole (MWRA Budget Director), Jim Coyne (MWRA Budget Manager), and Leo Norton (MWRA Rates Manager).

**F. Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Lou Taverna

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

*A motion was made by Rich Raiche for:*

- *Approval of meeting minutes from February 16, 2023*
- *Meeting Adjournment*

*The motion was seconded by David 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:

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BELMONT		MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON	Yes		
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD			
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON	Yes		
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM	Yes		
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD	Yes		
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	
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	Yes

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.