



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via GoToMeeting

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD, WSCAC, AND WAC JOINT MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020  
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.
- B. Report of the Executive Director**  
Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained the office happenings since the June meeting. Matt Romero will be re-joining the Advisory Board staff this fall. The “New Normal” committee for researching post-COVID options for the MWRA will not commence until the Commonwealth enters a later stage of reopening.
- C. PRESENTATION: Water Levels at the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs, Dave Coppes, MWRA Chief Operating Officer**  
Mr. Coppes reviewed the reservoir levels as of September 1, 2020, describing them as in a fine place in comparison to the drought levels throughout the Commonwealth. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).
- D. PRESENTATION: COVID-19 Tracking in Wastewater Flows, Steve Rhode, MWRA Laboratory Services Director**  
Mr. Rhode highlighted the evolution of the COVID-19 tracking services from an initial research project to a regular source of data. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).
- E. PRESENTATION: MWRA Operations During Pandemic, Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director**  
Mr. Laskey reviewed operations through the MWRA during the pandemic. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).
- F. ACTION ITEM: Nomination and Election of FY21 Executive Committee**  
The Advisory Board reviewed the proposed FY21 Executive Committee as follows:

**PROPOSED FY21  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Lou Taverna, Newton  
**Vice Chair of Finance:** Bernie Cooper, Norwood  
**Vice Chair of Operations:** John G. Sanchez, Burlington  
**Secretary:** Michael Rademacher, Arlington

**Treasurer:** John P. Sullivan, Boston

**At-Large:** Sam Corda, Cambridge  
John DeAmicis, Stoneham  
Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose  
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

The item was later taken up in the omnibus motion at the meeting's conclusion.

- G. **REPORT: DCR Watershed Division: Are They Reverting Back to the MDC? – Executive Director, Joe Favaloro**  
Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, highlighted the continuing trend of declining staffing levels within the Division of Water Supply Protection. He noted the Administration has yet to commence in communications regarding the topic. Mr. Favaloro noted that he has a meeting with the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs scheduled for later this month. He flagged the issue as a concern that would not be going away anytime too soon.
- H. **REPORT: WAC Update – WAC Executive Director, Andreae Downs**  
Ms. Downs gave an overview of the wipes-legislation being proposed by WAC. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).
- I. **REPORT: WSCAC Update – WSCAC Executive Director, Lexi Dewey**  
Ms. Dewey gave an overview of the upcoming projects of WAC. They included reviewing the progress of the Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Program, learning about MWRA risk and resiliency, attending the quarterly meeting of Water Supply Protection Trust, and focusing of watershed activities.
- J. **DISCUSSION: Upcoming Water Entrance for Burlington and Ashland**  
Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted the communities of Ashland and Burlington were in the process of coordinating becoming part of the MWRA water system. He expects votes to come before the Advisory Board soon.

**K. ACTION ITEM: Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Lynnfield Center Water District for a period of up to 6 months**

Per the statutory requirement of the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board reviewed the request of Lynnfield Center Water District for an emergency water connection for up to 6 months.

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

A motion was made by Moe Handel for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from June 2020
- Nomination and election of FY21 Executive Committee
- Emergency water supply agreement with the Lynnfield Center Water District for a period of up to 6 months
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by Bernie Cooper

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	<i>Quabbin and Ware Watershed</i>	Yes
ASHLAND		<i>Wachusett Watershed</i>	
BEDFORD	Yes	<i>Connecticut River Basin</i>	
BELMONT		MAPC	Yes
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE	Yes		
CANTON			
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM			
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM			

NEWTON	Yes
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORWOOD	Yes
PEABODY	
QUINCY	Yes
RANDOLPH	
READING	Yes
REVERE	
SAUGUS	Yes
SOMERVILLE	
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes
STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	Yes
WALPOLE	Yes
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	Yes
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.