



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2021
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, June 17, 2021
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

(Pursuant to An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency)

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Draft Meeting Summary

A. Welcome & Roll Call of Attendance

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	Yes	<i>Connecticut River Basin</i>	
BELMONT		MAPC	Yes
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE	Yes		
CANTON			
CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM			
HINGHAM	Yes		
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD			
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD			
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD			
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM			
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY			
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS	Yes		
SOMERVILLE			
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	

Mr. Taverna also thanked the Advisory Board members and MWRA staff for their continued service throughout the long and strange past year.

B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2021

Maurice Handel moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2021. David Manugian 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, congratulated the MWRA in being awarded AWWA’s “Best of the Best” award for water taste. He noted that EPA has informed the MWRA that the Deer Island NPDES permit has been moved to the front burner, staff will bring forward updates as they become available.

D. Subcommittee Report on Advisory Board office space

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, updated the Advisory Board on the progress made in determining the future of the Advisory Board workspace with the MWRA headquarters moving out of Charlestown by July of 2023. The office space working group was in favor of the Advisory Board moving to the MWRA Chelsea facility during that time.

E. Legislative Update

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that Advisory Board continues to work with the legislature to modify legislation to strengthen the role of the Water Supply Protection Trust, prevent changes to the MWRA Board of Directors structure, and ensure Debt Service Assistance funding.

F. August Field Trip

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that the Advisory Board is hoping to have a modified field trip at the Blue Hills Reservation, where attendees would drive themselves. This site would be an ideal place to dedicate a bench in honor of long time Advisory Board member Bernie Cooper. Mr. Favaloro noted that this would be hopefully be part of a transition to a hybrid meeting system in the fall.

G. Finance Committee Update

Finance Chair, Elena Proakis Ellis, and Director of Finance, James Guidod, noted that the MWRA Board of Directors would be voting on the final FY22 budget on June 23. The Advisory Board’s Comments and Recommendations requested reducing the MWRA’s Proposed Rate Revenue Requirement of 3.60% down to 2.95%. Adjustments to the watershed staffing vacancy rate, MWRA staffing vacancy race, incoming debt service assistance, and optional debt prepayment are the major components for reaching 2.95%

H. Presentations: Understanding Federal Programs from the CARES Act to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to Proposed Infrastructure Legislation

- NACWA – Jason Isakovik, Director, Legislative Affairs
- UCANE – Jeff Mahoney, Executive Director & Richard Pacella, Jr. – RM Pacella Inc.
- MWRA – Matt Horan, Deputy Finance Director

The presentations, presenter contacts, and additional resources can be found on the [meeting event page](#).

I. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

A motion was made by John Sanchez for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from May 2021
- 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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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.