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Friday, February 12, 2021

Remote Connection via GoToMeeting

10:00 AM

## Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Lou Taverna	Newton, Chairman
David Manugian	Bedford	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Jay Hersey	Brookline	John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors
John Sanchez	Burlington	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
David Pavlik	Lexington	Betsy Reilly	MWRA
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board staff
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Matthew Romero	Advisory Board Staff
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	James Guid	Advisory Board staff

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Opening Roll Call

A commencing roll call was voted as follows:

Name	Community	Vote
Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Yes
David Manugian	Bedford	Yes
John P. Sullivan, Jr.	Boston	
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Yes
John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes
Ed Dowling	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes (entered at 10:07)
David Pavlik	Lexington	
Yem Lip	Malden	
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	Yes
Lou Taverna	Newton	Yes (left at 11:00)
Nicholas J. Rystrom	Revere	Yes
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	
Richard Raiche	Somerville	
Sam Stivers	Southborough	Yes
John P. DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes



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## A. Tributes to Guy Foss and Bernie Cooper

MWRA Director of Environmental Quality, Betsy Reilley, gave a tribute to MWRA Director of Western Operations Guy Foss, who passed away in January. A celebration of life is planned for Mr. Foss in June. MWRA Board of Directors Vice-Chairman, John Carroll, gave a tribute to Norwood Assistant Town Manager, and longtime Advisory Board member, Bernie Cooper, who also passed away in January. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Cooper's family is asking for donations in his name to the Norwood Circle of Hope, P.O. Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or the Norwood Food Pantry, 150 Chapel St., Norwood.

## B. Action Item: Amending Section 3 of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984

Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, highlighted proposed changes to the MWRA Enabling Act. The Baker Administration has proposed an amendment that would allow for a designee of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to serve on the MWRA Board of Directors on behalf of the Secretary as the chairperson of the Board. In response, the Advisory Board has offered an amendment that would modify the selection of the Board Chair and Vice Chair to be made by a vote of the Board every two years.

*Moe Handel moved for the proposed language be sent to a vote of the full Advisory Board for approval. Jeremy Marsette seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

## C. MWRA's Proposed FY22 CEB Highlights

Director of Finance, James Guidod, gave a highlight of the MWRA's proposed FY22 Current Expense Budget. The proposed \$7.9 million budget would be a 3.4% increase from the approved FY21 budget with a rate revenue requirement increase of 3.6%. Advisory Board staff have started the budget review process and will move deeper into the process over the next few weeks. Mr. Guidod noted that Executive Committee members have been emailed a copy of the preliminary community rate assessments for FY22 that are expected to be transmitted by the MWRA Board of Directors this coming Wednesday. The Advisory Board's public hearing and budget presentation by MWRA staff will be Thursday, March 18.

## D. DEP Annual Filtration Avoidance Report

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that the report has still not been released. There is a chance that the report will be available for the Wachusett Reservoir next week and that the Quabbin Reservoir report would be available at the beginning of March. The report annually assesses the MWRA's role in avoiding filtration for the water system. Mr. Favaloro noted that there is concern that the ongoing staffing issues in the watershed will impact the filtration report. The watershed staff will be giving their annual presentation to the full Advisory Board next week.



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## E. Approval of February 18, 2021 Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

*Moe Handel moved for the approval of the proposed February 18, 2021 Executive Committee minutes. Dave Manugian seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

## F. Additions to the Omnibus Motion

*Moe Handel moved for the adjournment of the meeting following the omnibus roll call vote. Dave Manugian seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.*

## G. Approvals and Adjournment

A roll call vote for the motions made and seconded was voted as follows:

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Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Yes
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John G. Sanchez	Burlington	Yes
Ed Dowling	Cambridge	Yes
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Yes
David Pavlik	Lexington	
Yem Lip	Malden	
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Yes
Jeremy Marsette	Natick	Yes
Lou Taverna	Newton	
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Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Executive Committee meetings that are available upon request.