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Thursday August 28, 2025
Remote Connection Via Zoom
10:00 AM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A. Roll call attendance

A commencing roll call was voted as follows:

Name	Community	Vote
Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Here (remote)
Daniel Maurer	Ashland	Here (remote)
Jeanette Rebecchi	Bedford	Here (remote)
Gerry Daigle	Belmont	Here (remote)
John Sullivan	Boston (BWSC)	Here (remote)
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Here (remote)
Brian White	Burlington	Here (remote)
Lucica Hiller	Cambridge	Here (remote)
Michael Trotta	Canton	Here (remote)
James Caron	Chelsea	Here (remote)
Jason Mammone	Dedham	Here (remote)
Ernest Lariviere	Everett	Here (remote)
Stephanie Tarves	Framingham	Here (remote)
Jamal Jones	Lexington	Here (remote)
Joe Beauchesne	Lynn	Here (remote)
James Finegan	Lynnfield W.D.	Here (remote)
Yem Lip	Malden	Here (remote)

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Amy McHugh	Marblehead	Here (remote)
Ron Baker	Medford	Here (remote)
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Here (remote)
Tom Fitzgerald	Newton	Here (remote)
Margaret LaForest	Quincy	Here (remote)
Chris Cole	Reading	Here (remote)
Nicholas Rystrom	Revere	Here (remote)
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	Here (remote)
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Here (remote)
John DeAmicis	Stoneham	Here (remote)
Joseph Conway	Wakefield	Here (remote)
Patrick Fasanello	Walpole	Here (remote)
Ian McKenzie	Waltham	Here (remote)
David Cohen	Wellesley	Here (remote)
Joseph Lobao	Wilmington	Here (remote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Here (remote)

Board of Directors members:

Lou Taverna

Also in attendance:

Paul Della Barba

Advisory Board and MWRA staff:

*Matthew Romero, Christine Bennett,
Bernadette Russo, Nathan Coté;
Colleen Rizzi, Stephen Cullen, Carolyn
Francisco Murphy, Stephen Estes-
Smargiassi, Kathy Murtagh, Rebecca
Weidman, Katherine Ronan*

B. Action Item (Emergency): Approval of an emergency water supply withdrawal request from the Town of Wayland to activate its MWRA emergency connection pursuant to Policy #OP.05



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Matthew A.
Matthew Romero



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Matthew Romero, MWRA Advisory Board Executive Director, noted that the meeting was convened under the emergency provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §20B), allowing less than 48 hours' notice due to urgent public health and safety needs.

The emergency arose from a piping failure at Wayland's Happy Hollow PFAS treatment plant, which impaired its ability to meet demand and maintain fire suppression capacity. MassDEP indicated a pending state of water supply emergency. Acting under MWRA policy OP.05 waiver authority, MWRA had already authorized activation of Wayland's Emergency Connection, pending ratification by the Advisory Board.

Colleen Rizzi, Director, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, MWRA, reported that Wayland requested emergency assistance following a pipe break at its Happy Hollow PFAS treatment plant, which left the town unable to maintain adequate water supply and fire suppression capacity. MassDEP issued an emergency declaration on Tuesday afternoon, satisfying OP.05 policy requirements. Since this marks Wayland's second emergency withdrawal within a year, Advisory Board approval was required in addition to MWRA authorization. Colleen Rizzi, MWRA Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director, explained the timeline of events and confirmed that MWRA coordinated with DEP and Wayland to keep the community supplied. Don Millette, Wayland Water Superintendent, added that repairs were scheduled to begin Friday with parts delivery, with the PFAS system expected back online by Monday or Tuesday. Following the presentation, no questions were raised by members.

A motion for approval of an emergency water supply withdrawal request from the Town of Wayland to activate its MWRA emergency connection pursuant to Policy #OP.05 was put forward. It was moved by John Sullivan of BWSC, seconded by Nicholas Rystrom of Revere, and the following vote took place:

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Chris Cole	Reading	Yes (remote)
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Brendan O'Regan	Saugus	Yes (remote)
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Yes (remote)
John DeAmicis	Stoneham	Yes (remote)
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Patrick Fasanello	Walpole	Yes (remote)
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David Cohen	Wellesley	Yes (remote)
Joseph Lobao	Wilmington	Yes (remote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Yes (remote)





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The motion passed unanimously.

C. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was put forward. It was moved by Nicholas Rystrom of Revere, seconded by Brian White of Burlington, and the following vote took place:

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Respectfully submitted,

David Manugian, Secretary

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

