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Thursday July 16, 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)
David Manugian	Bedford	Here (remote)
Mark Mancuso	Belmont	Here (remote)
John Sullivan	Boston	Here (remote)
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Here (remote)
Brian White	Burlington	Here (remote)
Michael Trotta	Canton	Here (remote)
Elias Pomales	Chelsea	Here (remote)
Stephen Leone	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)
Amy McHue	Marblehead	Here (remote)
Tim McGivern	Medford	Here (remote)
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Here (remote)

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John Terry	Needham	Here (remote)
Eric Highers	Newton	Here (remote)
Margaret LaForest	Quincy	Here (remote)
Chris Cole	Reading	Here (remote)
Nicholas Rystrom	Revere	Here (remote)
Richard Raiche	Somerville	Here (remote)
Bill Cundiff	Southborough	Here (remote)
John DeAmicis	Stoneham	Here (remote)
Joseph Conway	Wakefield	Here (remote)
Patrick Fasanello	Walpole	Here (remote)
Michael Chiasson	Waltham	Here (remote)
David Cohen	Wellesley	Here (remote)
Maurice Handel	MAPC	Here (remote)

Board of Directors members:

Lou Taverna

Also in attendance:

Moussa Siri, John Scenna, Anne Malenfant

Advisory Board and MWRA staff:

Matthew Romero, Bernadette Russo, Christine Bennett, Nathan Coté; Hillary Monahan, Carolyn Francisco Murphy, Colleen Rizzi

B. Confirmation of approval of Lynnfield Center Water District's application for admittance as a member of the MWRA Water System due to modified legislation language



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Executive Director Matthew Romero welcomed attendees and briefly introduced the Advisory Board's new co-op, Bernadette Russo, whom members wouldn't have met until September but was present at this emergency meeting.

Mr. Romero explained that the Advisory Board was required to reaffirm its May 15, 2025 vote approving the Lynnfield Center Water District's admission to the MWRA Water System. The original motion had been deliberately written to guard against any unwanted legislative edits. However, because the legislation subsequently received an emergency preamble, the language of the prior vote now required clarification.

He presented revised motion language confirming the intent of the May 15 vote while also providing flexibility for future non-substantive legislative modifications. Such changes could include typographical or grammatical corrections, formatting adjustments, or the addition of an emergency preamble. Mr. Romero emphasized that substantive changes would still require additional Advisory Board action. This reaffirmation was time-sensitive, as the MWRA Board of Directors was scheduled to consider the legislation at its meeting the following week.

Chairman Richard Raiche called for a motion. MAPC moved, Bedford seconded. With no further discussion, the Advisory Board conducted a roll call vote.

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C. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was put forward. It was moved by Bedford, and seconded by Arlington. The vote to adjourn was as follows:



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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.



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