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## MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Online Remote [Zoom](https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) ([www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event](https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event))

(pursuant to An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law)

**10:00 AM**

### AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022
- C. Report of the Executive Director
- D. **Presentation:** Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Update – John Scannell, DWSP Director
- E. Preliminary FY23 Community Assessments
- F. Regionalization and System Expansion
- G. Committee Reports
  - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
    - Update
  - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
    - Update – MWRA's Proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
  - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
    - Update
- H. New Business
- I. Adjournment



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\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

(PLEASE POST)

## **Advisory Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held online via remote access on January 20, at 10:00 AM. Instructions for accessing the meeting can be found on the online [event page](#) at [www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event). You can join by calling in or by using your computer or mobile device. The proposed agenda for the meeting will be made final at an open meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM, also held [remotely](#). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than January 14, 2022, with any additional items for the final agenda.



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022  
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. An opening roll call vote was had and voted as follows:

COMMUNITY	VOTE	APPOINTEE/ORGANIZATION	VOTE
ARLINGTON	Yes	Quabbin and Ware Watershed	Yes
ASHLAND		Wachusett Watershed	
BEDFORD	Yes	Connecticut River Basin	
BELMONT		MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON	Yes		
CAMBRIDGE	Yes		
CANTON	Yes		
CHELSEA			
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD	Yes		
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
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			
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD			
WALPOLE	Yes		

WALTHAM	Yes
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	Yes
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	Yes
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	

**B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2021**

*David Manugian moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2021. JR Greene 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, noted that progress is being made on the Advisory Board's proposed committee to help communities strategize around the available federal and state infrastructure funds. The committee has been mentioned to the MWRA Board of Directors, with any interested members being invited to join. Interested Advisory Board members should also reach out.

**D. Presentation: Getting Ready – SRF/DEP Perspective on Infrastructure Funding Startup**

Mass Clean Water Trust Deputy Director, Nate Keenan, and Division of Municipal Services Director, Maria Pinaud, gave an overview on some the municipal impacts related to recent state and federal infrastructure legislation. The full presentation is available on the [meeting event page](#) on the Advisory Board website.

**E. 2021 Advisory Board Retail Rate Survey**

Director of Finance, James Guidod, presented some highlights from the soon to be published 2021 Retail Rate Survey. For the 2021 calendar year, using the AWWA standard of 120 HCF per household usage annually, the average combined water and sewer bill for MWRA communities was \$1,760. This is an increase of 2.92% from last year's combined bill of \$1,709. In comparison, the average wholesale rate change for wholesale communities in June of 2021 was 2.95%. The full presentation is available on the [meeting event page](#) on the Advisory Board website.

**F. Regionalization and System Expansion**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, continued discussion on how the long-standing concept of a regional water system for the greater Boston area could play a pivotal role in confronting the growing PFAS issues facing Commonwealth communities. The discussion included potential available federal and state funding and possible advantages of waiving the entrance fee for incoming communities.

**G. Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Advisory Board staff have begun the annual budget review process. At yesterday's MWRA Board of Directors meeting, the Board transmitted the proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to the Advisory Board for review. The Proposed FY23 operating budget is expected to be

presented at the February Board of Directors meeting, and the Advisory Board's budget hearing will be in March.

Operations Committee – John Sanchez

The wastewater metering replacement program continues to move forward. The new meters are now in use and collecting data. This data will not impact assessments until FY24. In FY26, there will have been a full three calendar years of data collection from the new meters towards assessments.

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

A motion was made by David Manugian for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from November 18, 2021
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by John DeAmicis

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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WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	Yes
WESTON	
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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.