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## MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 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

### PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. **Advisory Board Public Hearing on the MWRA's Proposed FY23 CEB & CIP – Tom Durkin, MWRA Director of Finance; Michael Cole, Budget Director; Matt Horan, Deputy Director of Finance/Treasurer; James Coyne, Budget Manager**
- C. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2021
- D. Report of the Executive Director
- E. Committee Reports
  - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
    - Update
  - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
    - Upcoming Meeting
  - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
    - Upcoming Meeting
- F. New Business
- G. 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 March 17, 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, March 11, 2022, at 10:00 AM, also held [remotely](#). Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than March 11, 2022, with any additional items for the final agenda.

## **Notice of Public Hearing**

The MWRA Advisory Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2022, remotely (connection details at [www.MWRAAdvisoryBoard.com/event](http://www.MWRAAdvisoryBoard.com/event)), at 10:00 a.m. on the components of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's proposed \$840.2 million FY23 Current Expense Budget. The Authority must adopt the proposed budget on or before June 30, 2022. The Advisory Board is empowered by statute to make comments and recommendations on the proposed budget. Written comments received at the MWRA Advisory Board address, at 100 First Avenue, Building 39, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA, 02129-2043, or via email at, [mwra.ab@mwraadvisoryboard.com](mailto:mwra.ab@mwraadvisoryboard.com), no later than May 20, 2022, will also be considered.



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2022  
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**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	Yes	MAPC	
BOSTON	Yes		
BRAINTREE			
BROOKLINE	Yes		
BURLINGTON			
CAMBRIDGE			
CANTON	Yes		
CHELSEA	Yes		
CHICOPEE			
CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT	Yes		
FRAMINGHAM	Yes		
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON			
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD			
MALDEN	Yes		
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD	Yes		
MELROSE	Yes		
MILTON			
NAHANT			
NATICK			
NEEDHAM			
NEWTON	Yes		
NORTHBOROUGH			
NORWOOD			
PEABODY			
QUINCY	Yes		
RANDOLPH			
READING	Yes		
REVERE			
SAUGUS	Yes		
SOMERVILLE			
SOUTH HADLEY			
SOUTHBOROUGH	Yes		
STONEHAM	Yes		
STOUGHTON			
SWAMPSCOTT			
WAKEFIELD	Yes		
WALPOLE	Yes		

WALTHAM  
WATERTOWN  
WELLESLEY  
WESTON  
WESTWOOD  
WEYMOUTH  
WILBRAHAM  
WILMINGTON  
WINCHESTER  
WINTHROP  
WOBBURN  
WORCESTER

Yes

Yes

**B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022**

*John DeAmicis moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022. 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, explained that former MWRA Advisory Board Chair, Katherine Dunphy passed away. Mr. Favaloro and Chairman, Lou Taverna, reflected on her great service to the Advisory Board. Service details will be shared as soon as they are available. A moment of silence was held in her honor.

**D. Presentation: Getting Ready – Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Update**

DWSP Director, John Scannell gave an overview of the latest updates from the Division of Water Supply Protection. The full presentation is available on the [meeting event page](#) on the Advisory Board website.

**E. Preliminary FY23 Community Assessments**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that the Preliminary FY23 Community Assessments are now available, as transmitted by the MWRA Board of Directors. They are shared [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 Executive Committee recently voted to bring the conversation forward to the full Advisory Board to consider the pros and cons. This process will begin with the March Advisory Board meeting.

**G. Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Director of Finance, James Guiod, gave a brief overview of the Proposed FY23 Capital Improvement Program and the Proposed FY23 Current Expense Budget. Staff are moving along in the budget review process. The Advisory Board's budget hearing will be held during the March Advisory Board meeting. MWRA staff will give presentations on both budgets during that time.

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

A motion was made by David Manugian for:

- Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from January 20, 2021
- Meeting adjournment

The motion was seconded by JR Greene.

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.