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NOTICE

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Advisory Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the MWRA Advisory Board will be held remotely via Zoom on February 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Instructions for accessing the meeting can be found on the online [event page](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event. Attendees can join by calling in or by using a computer or mobile device. The proposed agenda for the meeting will be made final at an open meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM, which will be conducted in hybrid fashion. The in-person component will be held in the Advisory Board's offices (100 First Avenue, Building 39 – 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129). The instructions for accessing the Executive Committee meeting remotely can be found on the online [event page](http://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) at www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event. Please contact Joseph Favaloro at the Advisory Board office no later than February 8, 2023, with any additional items for the final agenda.



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MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Online Remote [Zoom](https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/event) (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. **Roll call attendance**
- B. **Welcome**
- C. **Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from January 19, 2023**
- D. **Report of the Executive Director**
- E. **Presentation: DCR Watershed Management Annual Update – John Scannell – Division of Water Supply Protection Director**
- F. **Committee Reports**
 - Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna
 - **Update:** Timeline and process to elect an Advisory Board representative to the MWRA Board of Directors
 - **Update:** Advisory Board move to Chelsea
 - **Update:** NPDES Permit
 - Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis
 - **Update:** Advisory Board proposed FY24 budget review
 - Operations Committee – John Sanchez
 - **Update**
- G. **New Business**
- H. **Adjournment**



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023
10:00 am

Online Remote Meeting via Zoom

**MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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

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

B. Presentation of Difference Maker Awards to former Speaker Robert DeLeo and Speaker Ronald Mariano

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, awarded the first “Difference Maker” awards to Former Speaker Robert DeLeo and Speaker Ronald Mariano, both of whom have been influential on the success of the Advisory Board and the Advisory Board’s mission. Former Speaker DeLeo was present for the meeting and recollected on the journey of success since the implementation of the MWRA.

C. Action Item: Approval of Advisory Board meeting minutes from November 17, 2022

Michael Rademacher moved for the approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022. John Sanchez seconded the motion and it was added to the omnibus roll call vote for the end of the meeting.

D. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that Advisory Board staff recently met with the new Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. He explained that he was hopeful that the Secretary would be attending an Advisory Board meeting in the future. Deputy Executive Director, Matthew Romero, highlighted developments on the implementation of the new Clinton NPDES permit and the progress of MWRA system expansion talks.

E. PRESENTATION: Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Combined Heat and Power System – Christian Murphy, Program Manager I&C

MWRA I&C Program Manager, Christian Murphy, gave an overview of the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Combined Heat and Power System. The full presentation is available [at this link](#).

F. PRESENTATION: 2022 Annual Water & Sewer Retail Rate Survey – James Guidod, Advisory Board Director of Finance

Director of Finance, James Guidod, presented the data collected in the 2022 Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey. The full survey is available in the [Advisory Board Document Library](#).

G. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Lou Taverna

The Executive Committee implemented the following process for electing an Advisory Board representative to the open seat on the MWRA Board of Directors:

January 19: Process and timeline presented to the Advisory Board

March 3: Final day to submit letter of intent and resume to serve for either or both Board elections

March 10: Interviews of candidates for both elections. Nomination of candidate(s) by Executive Committee

March 16: Separate elections for both:

1. Unexpired term through June 30, 2023
2. 3-year term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026

Finance Committee – Elena Proakis Ellis

Director of Finance, James Guiod, noted that Proposed FY24 Capital Improvement Program (\$230.4 million) was transmitted to the Advisory Board for review at the last MWRA Board of Director's meeting. FY24 begins a new five-year cap period. The MWRA has implemented a 25% Spend Rate Adjustment into the next cap to better meet spending cap goals.

H. ACTION ITEM: Omnibus Motion/Adjournment

A motion was made by Maurice Handel for:

- *Approval of meeting minutes from November 17, 2022*
- *Meeting Adjournment*

The motion was seconded by Michael Rademacher.

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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CLINTON			
DEDHAM			
EVERETT			
FRAMINGHAM			
HINGHAM			
HOLBROOK			
LEOMINSTER			
LEXINGTON	Yes		
LYNN			
LYNNFIELD			
MALDEN			
MARBLEHEAD	Yes		
MARLBOROUGH			
MEDFORD			
MELROSE			
MILTON	Yes		
NAHANT			
NATICK			
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STONEHAM	Yes
STOUGHTON	
SWAMPSCOTT	
WAKEFIELD	
WALPOLE	Yes
WALTHAM	
WATERTOWN	
WELLESLEY	Yes
WESTON	
WESTWOOD	Yes
WEYMOUTH	
WILBRAHAM	
WILMINGTON	Yes
WINCHESTER	
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
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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.