

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITYMeeting of the Board of DirectorsJuly 22, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law the July 22, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held by remote participation. Vice Chair Carroll presided. Present remotely from the Board, in addition to Vice Chair Carroll, were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Cotter, Foti, Pappastergion, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Secretary Theoharides and Messrs. Cook and Flanagan were absent. MWRA staff participants included Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Carolyn Francisco Murphy, General Counsel, David Coppes, Chief Operating Officer, Carolyn Fiore, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, Andrea Murphy, Director of Human Resources, Kathleen Murtagh, Director of Tunnel Redundancy, Steven Rhode, Director of Laboratory Services, and Assistant Secretaries Ria Convery and Kristin MacDougall. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. All motions were individually made and presented for discussion and deliberation. After any discussion and deliberation, motions for which there were no objections were then consolidated for one omnibus roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2020 MINUTES

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of June 24, 2020.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey reported that Federal District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns issued a Compliance Order in the Boston Harbor case, which included a note commending MWRA staff for continuing to provide essential services to constituents throughout the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Laskey also noted that the Judge commented in his Order that at some point there may be discussion about whether there should be more funding related to CSOs or whether attention should be focused on non-CSO pollution. Additionally, Mr. Laskey provided Board members with brief updates on the Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Program and beach water quality. Mr. Laskey then thanked and recognized Mark Johnson, MWRA's Director of Waterworks, for his dedicated service to the Authority, on the occasion of his upcoming retirement. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Vice Chair Carroll thanked Mr. Johnson for his work to support MWRA communities. Finally, Mr. Laskey invited MWRA Advisory Board

Documents used for this meeting, referenced above, can be found here:

<http://www.mwra.com/monthly/bod/boardmaterials/2020/os-2020-07-22-all.pdf>

Executive Director Joseph Favalaro to remark upon Advisory Board recommendations regarding the impacts of Covid-19 (ref. III A). There was brief discussion.

WATER POLICY & OVERSIGHT

INFORMATION

Project Update: Section 22 Rehabilitation Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Permitting: Black & Veatch Corporation, Contract 7155

Staff made a presentation. There were questions and answers.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair proceeded to the next agenda item. (ref. IV A.1)

APPROVALS

Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Lynnfield Center Water District

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute an Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Lynnfield Center Water District, subject to the approval of the MWRA Advisory Board, for a period of up to six months, pursuant to the Emergency Water Supply Agreement attached to the July 22, 2020 staff summary presented to the Board and filed with the records of the meeting.

Staff made a presentation.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. IV B.1)

PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION

APPROVALS

PCR Amendments – July 2020

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the amendments to the Position Control Register as presented, on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

There were questions and answers. Staff made a presentation.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. V A.1)

Appointment of Manager, Training and Development, Administration

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. John Porcello, Jr. to the position of Manager, Training and Development, (Non-Union, Grade 14) in the Administration Division, at an annual salary of \$115,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. V A.2)

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & AUDIT

INFORMATION

Delegated Authority Report

Committee Chair Vitale called for any discussion or questions. Hearing none, Mr. Vitale proceeded to the next agenda item. (ref. VI A.1)

CONTRACT AWARDS

Accounts Payable and Payroll Depository Services: Webster Bank, N.A., Contract F256

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract F256 to Webster Bank N.A., to provide accounts payable and payroll depository services and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute Contract F256 with no annual fees to the Authority, and with an interest rate payable to MWRA at the top end of the Federal Funds range plus 21 basis points, for a term to end on June 30, 2024.

Staff made a verbal presentation. There was brief discussion.

Committee Chair Vitale called for any discussion or objections. Hearing none, Vice Chair Carroll referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VI B.1)

Janitorial Services at MWRA Western Facilities: Management and Maintenance Inc., Bid WRA-4855

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the award of Contract WRA-4855, Janitorial Services at MWRA Western Facilities, to Facilities Management and Maintenance, Inc., through State Blanket Contract #FAC81, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$341,280.28, for a contract term of three years.

Staff made a verbal presentation. There were questions and answers.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VI B.2)

Drug and Alcohol Testing and Compliance Services: OHS Training & Consulting, Inc., Contract A626

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. for the provision of drug and alcohol testing and compliance services, Contract A626, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract

with OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$34,200, for a term of 36 months.

There were questions and answers.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VI B.3)

WASTEWATER POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

INFORMATION

Early Warning Pilot for the Resurgence of COVID-19

Staff made a presentation. There was discussion and questions and answers.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair proceeded to the omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VII A.1)

OMNIBUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Vice Chair Carroll called for an omnibus roll call vote on the motions made and seconded.

An omnibus roll call vote was taken in which the members were recorded as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Carroll		
Cotter		
Foti		
Pappastergion		
Peña		
Vitale		
Walsh		
Wolowicz		

Voted: to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting as presented and filed with the records of this meeting;

Further, voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute an Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Lynnfield Center Water District, subject to the approval of the MWRA Advisory Board, for a period of up to six months, pursuant to the Emergency Water Supply Agreement attached to the July 22, 2020 staff summary presented to the Board and filed with the records of the meeting (ref. IV A.1);

Further, voted: to approve the amendments to the Position Control Register as presented, on a date to be determined by the Executive Director (ref. V A.1);

Further, voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. John Porcello, Jr. to the position of Manager, Training and Development, (Non-Union, Grade 14) in the Administration Division, at an annual salary of \$115,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director (ref. V A.2);

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Further, voted: to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. for the provision of drug and alcohol testing and compliance services, Contract A626, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract with OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$34,200, for a term of 36 months (ref. VI B.3).

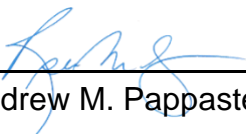
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was
Voted: to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved: September 16, 2020

Attest:

 for

Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary