

**MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 16, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Chair Theoharides presided. Present from the Board were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Carroll, Cook, Foti, Peña, Pappastergion, Vitale and Walsh. Messrs. Cotter and Flanagan were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were 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, Betsy Reilly, Director, Environmental Quality, Kenneth Keay, Senior Program Manager, Environmental Monitoring, and Assistant Secretaries Ria Convery and Kristin MacDougall. Vandana Rao, EEA, was also in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of September 18, 2019 as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Theoharides noted that a Level 1 (mild) drought was announced for the Connecticut River Valley on October 15, 2019. She also provided an update on the Commonwealth's efforts to address challenges related to PFAS. Finally, she noted the designation of climate change regional coordinators to support communities in making necessary investments in critical infrastructure and other efforts toward resiliency.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey thanked MWRA Waterworks staff for their roles in MWRA's receipt of the New England's Best award from the New England Water Works Association. He

also congratulated MWRA Finance staff upon the recent completion of a successful bond deal, and noted the release of MWRA's Audited Financial Statements. Finally, he provided an update on MWRA's RFI for information on private plans for the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave Act.

APPROVALS

PCR Amendments - October 2019 (ref. P&C B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve amendments to the Position Control Register (PCR) included as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Manager of Transmission and Treatment, Operations Division (ref. P&C B.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. Eben Nash to the position of Manager, Transmission and Treatment, Operations Division, (Non-Union, Grade 14), at an annual salary of \$142,977.00, commencing on October 21, 2019.

Appointment of Budget Manager, Finance Division (ref. P&C B.3)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. James J. Coyne to the position of Budget Manager, Finance Division (Non-Union, Grade 14) at an annual salary of \$117,300 commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Senior Staff Counsel for General Litigation (ref. P&C B.4)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Amy B. Hackett to the position of Senior Staff Counsel, General Litigation, Law Division (Unit 6, Grade 13) at an annual salary of \$127,481.99, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of IT Project Manager III, MIS Department (ref. P&C B.5)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Renata Thomas to the position of IT Project Manager III (Unit 6, Grade 12), MIS Department, at the recommended salary of \$95,297.57, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

City of Cambridge Proposal for Partial Sewer Separation (ref. WW B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the Cambridge partial sewer separation proposal for the Cambridge system, including the continued but restricted stormwater contribution for a 12-month trial evaluation period to verify flows and benefits to the MWRA's CSO Long-Term Control Plan, provided that (1) the program does not have any financial impact to the MWRA; (2) the program benefits the MWRA; and (3) the program only takes place in a combined system. MWRA staff shall analyze and report to the Board of Directors any financial impacts on MWRA communities.

Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Town of Burlington (ref. W B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute an Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Town of Burlington, subject to the approval of the MWRA Advisory Board, for a period of up to six months.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Charles River Valley Sewer Rehabilitation - Section 191 and 192 Green Mountain Pipeline Services Contract 7643 (ref. WW C.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the award of Contract 7643, Charles River Valley Sewer Rehabilitation - Section 191 and 192, to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, Green Mountain Pipeline Services, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$1,619,380.00, with a contract term of 180 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Supply and Delivery of Ferric Chloride to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., Bid WRA-4752 (ref. WW C.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the award of Purchase Order Contract WRA-4752 for the supply and delivery of ferric chloride to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, to the lowest responsive bidder, Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,940,000 for a period of one year, from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Deer Island Treatment Plant Pump Refurbishment, A. W. Chesterton Company, Contract S581, Change Order 1 (ref. WW D.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 1 to Contract S581, Deer Island Treatment Plant Pump Refurbishment, with A.W. Chesterton Company, for an amount not to exceed \$77,814 increasing the contract amount from \$98,976 to a total not to exceed amount of \$176,790, and extending the contract term by 135 calendar days from August 18, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Northern Intermediate High Section 110 – Stoneham, Albanese D&S Inc., Contract 7067, Change Order 10 (ref. W C.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 10 to Contract 7067, Northern Intermediate High Section 110 Stoneham, with Albanese D&S Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$302,959.00, increasing the contract amount from \$24,811,914.91 to \$25,114,873.91, with no increase in contract term.

Further, it was voted to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7067 in an amount not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

OTHER BUSINESS

2018 Deer Island Outfall Monitoring Overview (ref. W A.2)

Staff made a presentation. There was discussion and questions and answers. Chair Theoharides commended staff on an interesting and informative presentation.

MWRA Advisory Board Staff Participation in Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to invite MWRA Advisory Board staff to attend the October 16, 2019 Executive Session update on cyber security.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Theoharides announced that the Board would enter Executive Session to discuss cyber security, and that the Board would reconvene in open session for the purpose of adjournment.

It was moved to enter Executive Session to discuss cyber security and thereafter to return to open session solely for the purpose of adjournment. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken in which the members were recorded as follows:

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

Voted: to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing cyber security, and thereafter to return to open session solely for the purpose of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session and adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Approved: November 20, 2019

Attest:

  
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Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary

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Documents used for this meeting, referenced above, can be found here:  
<http://www.mwra.com/monthly/bod/boardmaterials/2019/o-BoardMaterials10-16-19.pdf>