



**WATER SUPPLY CITIZENS  
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**WSCAC Joint Virtual Meeting with the Advisory Board and WAC**

**Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**WSCAC Business section**

**WSCAC Members in Attendance in Bold:**

- **Christine Bennett**, MWRA Advisory Board
- **William Copithorne**, Town of Arlington
- Steven Daunais, Tata & Howard
- **Bill Fadden**, OARS
- Bill Kiley, BWSC
- **Paul Lauenstein**, Neponset (Chair)
- Paul Rybicki, Partially Supplied Community
- **Martin Pillsbury**, MAPC
- **Janet Rothrock**, League of Women Voters
- Bill Merriam, Framingham resident, Foss reservoir abutter
- **Erin Bonney Casey**, Ipswich River Watershed Association
- **Warren Kimball**, Nashua River Watershed Association
- **Lydia Olson**, Mass Rivers Alliance
- Evan Pesut, Trout Unlimited
- **Nina Gordon-Kirsch**, CT River Conservancy
- Christopher Dreher, Educational Institute

**Non-Members in Attendance:**

- Steve Estes-Smargiassi, MWRA
- Andreae Downs, WAC
- Moussa Siri, WSCAC
- Check the Advisory Board attending list of the April 16, 2026, meeting minutes for the full list.

## **I. Introduction**

Following adjournment of the MWRA Advisory Board meeting, the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee (WSCAC) convened a brief business session to address committee matters. Due to technical issues, the session began with MWRA updates by Steve Estes-Smargiassi, who had another meeting to attend.

## **II. Briefing and Updates**

### **a. MWRA Updates**

Steve Estes-Smargiassi provided brief updates regarding MWRA water supply operations before departing for another meeting.

- **Reservoir Conditions**

Reservoir storage levels were reported at approximately 84.7% capacity, slightly below the normal April operating level of 85%.

- **Lead and Copper Sampling**

Updates were provided concerning communities above the lead action level:

- Boston had obtained sufficient compliant samples and was expected to pass spring sampling requirements;
- Malden and Bedford were still awaiting additional sample results.

MWRA continues to encourage accelerated lead service line replacement efforts and participation in available financial assistance programs.

### **b. Upcoming WSCAC Meeting and Quinapoxet Dam Tour**

Moussa Siri reminded members about the next WSCAC in-person meeting on May 12, 2026, at the DCR Office, West Boylston, followed by the Quinapoxet Dam Restoration Tour.

He added that the tour will provide an opportunity to review restoration progress approximately one year after project completion. He indicated that, based on feedback from MWRA staff, the ecological and landscape improvements are significant at the site.

Moussa also added that WSCAC will be commenting on the request from MWRA to increase its Inter-basin Transfer Act rate by 20 MGD. He indicated that he received documents from the Water Resources Commission and would get back to members for input when the time comes.

## **III. Approval of March 19 Meeting Minutes and Forestry Study Proposal**

Due to technical issues, the attempts to get the quorum failed at the beginning of the meeting, but it was confirmed before adjournment with members present and voting.

### **1. Paul Lauenstein, the Chair, asked for a motion to approve the forestry study proposal.**

- Janet Rothrock made a motion, and Bill Fadden seconded to approve the study proposal.

- For discussion, Christine Bennett from the Advisory Board indicated that the proposal was well written and supported the study, which Paul Lauenstein also backed.
- After comments, the motion passed by 5 to 6, one abstained.

**2. *Paul then asked for another motion to approve the March 19 meeting minutes***

- Janet Rothrock made a motion, and Christine Bennett seconded
- With no further comments, the motion passed by 6 to 7 (a member joined after the first vote), with one abstention.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Some aspects were discussed, one related to Nina Gordon-Kirsch's meeting attendance, and the second related to Janet Rothrock's question about whether Lexi Dewey became a WSCAC member. After these discussions, Moussa thanked members for their constant support of him.

#### **V. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor, and the meeting adjourned!

