

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 20, 2025

A meeting of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (“MWRA”) Board of Directors was held on August 20, 2025 via remote participation.

Chair Tepper presided. Board Members Foti, Pappastergion, Peña, Taverna, Vitale, Patrick Walsh and Wolowicz also participated. Board Members Flanagan, Swett and Jack Walsh were absent.

MWRA Executive Director Frederick Laskey was in attendance. General Counsel Carolyn Francisco Murphy; Chief Operating Officer Kathleen Murtagh; Deputy Chief Operating Officers Stephen Cullen and Rebecca Weidman; Director of Finance Thomas Durkin; Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Colleen Rizzi; Associate General Counsel Michael Altieri; Public Affairs Director Sean Navin; Deputy Finance Director/Treasurer Matthew Horan; Procurement Director Douglas Rice; Human Resources Director Wendy Chu; Chief of Staff Katherine Ronan; Associate General Counsel Angela Atchue; and, Assistant Secretary Kristin MacDougall were among the MWRA staff members who were also in attendance.

Representative Bradley Jones; Lynnfield Center Water District (LWCD) Commissioners Jack Dahlstedt and Anders Youngren; LCWD Working Superintendent Nick Couris; LCWD and Lynnfield DPW Director John Scenna; Anne Malenfant, Camp, Dresser & McKee; Vandana Rao, EEA; and Matt Romero, MWRA Advisory Board (Advisory Board) were also among the meeting participants.

Chair Tepper called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

ROLL CALL

MWRA General Counsel Francisco Murphy took roll call of Board members in attendance and announced that they were participating remotely.

Chair Tepper announced that the meeting was being recorded and that the agenda and meeting materials were available on MWRA’s website.

INTRODUCTION

MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey welcomed and introduced LWCD and Lynnfield staff in attendance and invited LCWD and Lynnfield DPW Director John Scenna to offer remarks.

Mr. Scenna thanked the Board of Directors and MWRA staff for the proposed opportunity to join the MWRA water system. He described how the Town of Lynnfield and its residents would benefit if admission were approved by the Board and introduced some Town staff in

attendance.

Next, Mr. Laskey advised the Board on the dates for the annual MWRA Advisory Board tour (August 21, 2025) and the Quinapoxet River Restoration Celebration (September 10, 2025).

Mr. Laskey then acknowledged the efforts of Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Senator Brendon P. Crighton with respect to LWCD water system admission. Finally, he thanked EEA and MWRA staff for their work on the project and requested Board approval.

(Mr. Vitale joined the meeting during the Introduction.)

WATER POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

Approvals

Approval for Admission of Lynnfield Center Water District to the MWRA Water System, Waiver of Entrance Fee, and Authorization to Execute a Water Supply Agreement

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve Lynnfield Center Water District's application to become a member of the MWRA waterworks system with a purchase of up to 102 million gallons annually via an interconnection with the Town of Wakefield water system.

Further, a motion was duly made and seconded to waive the entrance fee for the volume of water for said purchase due to water quantity and water quality issues.

Lastly, a motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a water supply agreement with Lynnfield Center Water District, substantially in the form shown in Attachment E of the August 20, 2025 Staff Summary presented and filed with the records of this meeting, stipulating the terms and conditions of service.

Colleen Rizzi, MWRA Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, presented background information on LWCD's application for admission to the MWRA water system via a Wakefield interconnection, including the District's service area; existing water system and groundwater supplies; and water supply challenges, such as inadequate supply during the summer, lack of redundancy, and elevated manganese, PFAS and nitrate levels. She noted that LWCD has requested an Entrance Fee waiver.

Ms. Rizzi then outlined some terms of the proposed LCWD connection for MWRA water purchase, including the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission's (WRC) interbasin transfer limits; LCWD's requested average and maximum daily flows, and emergency water supply request requirements. She explained that the proposed connection would provide a daily, supplemental water supply.

Next, Ms. Rizzi presented maps of the planned project area, service area, and location. She explained that LWCD meets MWRA's Entrance Fee waiver criteria for water quality and

public health concerns and described the District's existing water system and new treatment facilities in construction. She noted that LWCD also meets the Entrance Fee waiver criteria for stressed basins because a large portion of the District's existing water supply is sourced from the Ipswich River basin.

Finally, Ms. Rizzi explained that all required regulatory and legislative approvals for the proposed new connection have been met, noted that the MWRA Board of Directors' approval would be the last step, and requested Board approval.

Mr. Taverna asked for more information about the LWCD's water conservation plan and how it would be implemented. Ms. Rizzi explained that LWCD's bylaws include water conservation measures, including a set of escalating restrictions triggered by drought levels. Mr. Taverna asked if these measures would continue if the MWRA connection were approved. Ms. Rizzi advised that the WRC requires compliance with water conservation requirements and the Drought Management Plan, and that water restrictions would continue if the Board approves the LWCD connection.

Mr. Taverna asked which entity would call for and enforce LWCD water restrictions. John Scenna, LCWD and Lynnfield DPW Director explained that he and staff recommend restrictions to the LWCD Board based on data, including for Ipswich River stream flow, storage tank volumes, and the ability to maintain system pressure.

Mr. Pappastergion requested the status of the interconnection's construction. Ms. Rizzi explained the construction and inspections are complete. In response to a question from Mr. Taverna, Ms. Rizzi explained that metering must be in place before the connection is activated.

Mr. Laskey introduced Representative Bradley Jones, who was in attendance, and thanked him for his work on the required legislation for the LWCD connection.

Mr. Peña asked if the motion for this agenda item would satisfy the findings requirements. MWRA Associate General Counsel Michael Altieri responded in the affirmative and noted that the findings are outlined within the body of the Staff Summary.

Chair Tepper asked if there was any further discussion or questions from the Board. Hearing none, she requested a roll call vote in which the members were recorded as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Tepper		
Foti		
Pappastergion		
Peña		
Taverna		

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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Vitale

P. Walsh

Wolowicz

(ref. I A.1)

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

ADJOURNMENT**A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

Hearing no discussion or questions from the Board, Chair Tepper requested a roll call vote in which the members were recorded as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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Tepper

Foti

Pappastergion

Peña

Taverna

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P. Walsh

Wolowicz

(ref. II)

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Approved: September 17, 2025

Attest:

 for

Brian Peña, Secretary

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED

- August 20, 2025 Staff Summary and Presentation – Approval for Admission of Lynnfield Center Water District to the MWRA Water System, Waiver of Entrance Fee, and Authorization to Execute a Water Supply Agreement (ref. I A.1)