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MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PRELIMINARY SCREENING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Time: 12:00pm

Location: To be held virtually on **Zoom**.

Zoom meeting link:

<https://imsearch.zoom.us/j/97760890929?pwd=dLOaHwyE9VbdDiuLsenp4IljW3sqZF.1>

Meeting ID: 977 6089 0929

Passcode: 244127

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Preliminary Screening Committee Minutes: August 17, 2026 and August 18, 2026
- II. Executive Session
 - a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes: August 17, 2026 and August 18, 2026
 - b. To Consider or Interview Applicants for Employment or Appointment (Executive Director Position)
- III. Adjournment

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Executive Director Position)

August 17, 2026

A meeting of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Executive Director Position) of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Board of Directors was held on August 17, 2026 remotely, via Zoom.

Chair Tepper presided remotely. Committee Members Pappastergion, Swett and Wolowicz participated remotely.

MWRA General Counsel Carolyn Francisco Murphy and Assistant Secretary Kristin MacDougall attended remotely.

Jeff Kessner and Tatiana Oberkoetter of Isaacson, Miller also attended remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 10:32am.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Kristin MacDougall took roll call of members in attendance and announced that all were attending remotely.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting of the Preliminary Screening Committee.

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

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Tepper		Pappastergion
Swett		
Wolowicz		

(ref. I)

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business. (ref. II)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Having no further Business in Open Session, Chair Tepper requested a motion to conclude Open Session and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering or interviewing applicants for employment or appointment for the Executive Director position, noting that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants. She announced that the Board would not return to Open Session after the conclusion of Executive Session.

A motion was duly made and seconded to conclude Open Session and enter Executive Session for the purpose outlined.

Assistant Secretary MacDougall reminded Committee members that under the Open Meeting Law members who were participating remotely in Executive Session must state that no other person is present or able to hear the discussion at their remote locations, and that their response of “yes” to the Roll Call to enter Executive Session when their name was called was deemed their statement that no other person was present at their remote location or able to hear the Executive Session discussion.

Upon the 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>
Tepper		
Pappastergion		
Swett		
Wolowicz		

(ref. IV)

Voted: to conclude Open Session, and to enter Executive Session.

The meeting concluded at 10:34am.

*** EXECUTIVE SESSION ***

The meeting entered Executive Session at 3:18pm and adjourned at 5:00pm.

Approved: September 15, 2026

Attest:

Kristin MacDougall, Assistant Secretary

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED

- Draft Minutes of the 8/5/26 Preliminary Screening Committee Meeting (ref. I)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Executive Director Position)

August 18, 2026

A meeting of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Executive Director Position) of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Board of Directors was held on August 18, 2026 remotely, via Zoom.

Chair Tepper presided remotely. Committee Members Pappastergion, Swett and Wolowicz participated remotely.

MWRA General Counsel Carolyn Francisco Murphy and Assistant Secretary Kristin MacDougall attended remotely.

Jeff Kessner, Tatiana Oberkoetter of Isaacson, Miller also attended remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 8:53am.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Kristin MacDougall took roll call of members in attendance and announced that all were attending remotely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Having no further Business in Open Session, Chair Tepper requested a motion to conclude Open Session and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering or interviewing applicants for employment or appointment for the Executive Director position, noting that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants. She announced that the Board would not return to Open Session after the conclusion of Executive Session.

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<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Tepper		
Pappastergion		
Swett		
Wolowicz		

(ref. I)

Voted: to conclude Open Session, and to enter Executive Session.

The meeting concluded at 8:55am.

*** EXECUTIVE SESSION ***

The meeting entered Executive Session at 3:18pm and adjourned at 4:00pm.

Approved: September 15, 2026

Attest:

Kristin MacDougall, Assistant Secretary

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED

(None)