

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 16, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law the September 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was conducted 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, Douglas Rice, Director of Procurement, Andrea Murphy, Director of Human Resources, Paula Weadick, Director of MIS, Steven Rhode, Director of Laboratory Services, Corrine Barrett, Director of Construction, John Colbert, Chief Engineer and Assistant Secretaries Ria Convery and Kristin MacDougall. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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 JULY 22, 2020 MINUTES

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of July 22, 2020.

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey noted that the Fourth Quarter FY2020 Orange Notebook reflects the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic's effects on some metrics. Mr. Laskey also updated Board members on seasonal trends in community total coliform counts, MWRA's FY2020 Audited Financial statements, Biobot's work and Massachusetts drought conditions.

PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION

APPROVALS

PCR Amendments – September 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.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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

Appointment of Director of Waterworks

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Valerie Moran to the position of Director, Waterworks (Non-Union, Grade 16) at an annual salary of \$164,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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 A.2)

Appointment of Superintendent, Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Keith Perrin to the position of Superintendent at the Clinton Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (Non-Union, Grade 14) at an annual salary of \$132,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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 A.3)

Appointment of Environmental Manager, Operations Division

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Geisler to the position of Environmental Manager (Unit 9, Grade 30) in the Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Department at an annual salary of \$134,318.33, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Staff provided a verbal summary. (Mr. Pappastergion joined the meeting.)

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 A.4)

Appointment of Systems Administrator III, MIS

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Jason Ayers to the position of Systems Administrator III (Systems) (Unit 6, Grade 12), in the MIS Department, at an annual salary of \$103,155.93, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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 A.5)

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND AUDIT
INFORMATION

Delegated Authority Report- July and August 2020

There were questions and answers. (ref. V A.1)

FY20 Fourth Quarter Orange Notebook

There were questions and answers. (ref. V A.2)

FY20 Year-End Financial Update and Summary

Staff provided a verbal summary.

There was discussion and questions and answers. (ref. V A.3)

FY20 Year-End Capital Improvement Program Spending Report

Staff provided a verbal summary. There were questions and answers.

Committee Chair Vitale called for any further discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Committee Chair proceeded to the next agenda item. (ref. V A.4)

APPROVALS

Bond Defeasance of Future Debt Service

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director or his designee, on behalf of the Authority, to enter into, execute and deliver all necessary agreements and other instruments and to take such actions necessary to effectuate the redemption and defeasance of an aggregate principal amount of \$16,245,000 of outstanding MWRA senior bonds including to cause the escrow of cash and/or securities in an amount necessary to fund such redemption and defeasance, in order to reduce the debt service requirement by \$17,889,000 in the FY22 through FY24 timeframe.

Staff provided a verbal summary. There were questions and answers.

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 B.1)

CONTRACT AWARDS

Sole Source Purchase Order Contract to Upgrade the PIMS PowerBuilder Application:
Inflection Point Solutions, LLC

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the award of a sole source purchase order contract to upgrade the PIMS PowerBuilder Application to Inflection Point Solutions, LLC and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$268,131 and for a term of 18 months.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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 C.1)

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Renewable and Alternative Energy Portfolio Services: Next Grid Markets, LLC, Contract RPS-68, Amendment 2

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 2 to Contract RPS-68, Renewable and Alternative Energy Portfolio Services, with Next Grid Markets, LLC, in accordance with the pricing established under the Massachusetts State Contract FAC109, to increase the contract amount by \$27,400 to \$105,000 and extend the contract term by 546 days, from October 1, 2020 to March 30, 2022.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

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 D.1)

Managed Security Services: NWN Corporation, Contract 7499, Amendment 2

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve Amendment 2 to Contract 7499, Managed Security Services, with NWN Corporation, increasing the contract by \$474,392.49, from a total of \$3,185,475.19 to an amount not to exceed \$3,659,867.68, and extending the contract term by 12 months, from July 4, 2021 through July 4, 2022, to provide continued cyber security services.

Staff provided a verbal summary. 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. V D.2)

Dental Insurance: Delta Dental of Massachusetts, Contract A613, Amendment 3

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 3 to Contract A613 with Delta Dental of Massachusetts, exercising the third option to renew, increasing the contract amount by \$316,000, from \$1,064,000 to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,380,000, and extending the contract term by twelve months, from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, for a total contract term of 48 months.

Staff provided a verbal summary. 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. V D.3)

WASTEWATER POLICY AND OVERSIGHT CONTRACT AWARDS

Hayes Pump Station Rehabilitation Design and Engineering Services During Construction: Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., Contract 7162

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract 7162, Hayes Pump Station Rehabilitation Design and Engineering Services During Construction, to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,013, for a contract term of 60 months from the Notice to Proceed.

Staff provided a verbal summary. There was discussion and 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 A.1)

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Early Warning Pilot for the Resurgence of COVID-19: Biobot Analytics, Inc., OP-419, Amendment 1

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 1 to the contract for the Early Warning Pilot for the Resurgence of COVID-19 with Biobot Analytics, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$137,365, increasing the contract amount from \$200,000 to \$337,365, and extending the contract term by 40 calendar days to February 1, 2021.

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 referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VI B.1)

As-Needed Resident Engineering and Resident Inspection Services: Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc., Contract 7629, Amendment 1 and Award of Task Order No. 4

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 1 to Contract 7629, As-Needed Resident Engineering and Resident Inspection Services, with Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc. extending the contract term by eight months, from September 7, 2021 to May 7, 2022, with no increase in contract amount, and to approve Task Order No. 4 for Top of Shafts 6, 8 and 9A REI Services in the amount of \$356,978.96.

Staff provided a verbal summary. 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)

WATER POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

CONTRACT AWARDS

Top of Shafts 6, 8 and 9A Interim Improvements: National Water Main Cleaning Co., Contract 7561

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the award of Contract 7561, Top of Shafts 6, 8 and 9A Interim Improvements, to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, National Water Main Cleaning Co., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$2,391,500, with a contract term of 548 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

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 referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VII A.1)

John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite System Modifications: Harding & Smith, LLC, Contract 7085H

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the award of Contract 7085H, John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite System Modifications, to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, Harding & Smith, LLC, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$1,406,830 for a contract term of 235 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

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. VII A.2)

Dam Safety Compliance and Consulting Services: GEI, Inc., Contract W328

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract W328 to GEI, Inc. and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$125,286.61, for a contract term of 36 months from the Notice to Proceed.

Staff made a 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. VII A.3)

Rehabilitation of Weston Aqueduct Supply Main 3, Sections W11/W12/W16/51 (Medford, Somerville and Arlington): Albanese D&S, Inc., Contract 6544

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the award of Contract 6544, Rehabilitation of WASM 3 Sections W11/W12/W16/51 Water Mains (Medford, Somerville and Arlington), to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, Albanese D&S, Inc. and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$19,487,850 for a contract term of 1383 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Staff made a 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. VII A.4)

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Weston Aqueduct Supply Main 3: Design, Construction Administration and Resident Engineering Services: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Contract 6539, Amendment 2

A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 2 to Contract 6539, Weston Aqueduct Supply Main 3, Design, Construction Administration and Resident Engineering Services with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to revise the scope of services and schedule with no increase in the contract amount and no increase in the contract term.

Staff provided a verbal summary.

Vice Chair Carroll called for any discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Vice Chair referred the motion to an omnibus roll call vote. (ref. VII B.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 July 22, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting as presented and filed with the records of this meeting (ref. I);

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

Further, voted: to approve the appointment of Ms. Valerie Moran to the position of Director, Waterworks (Non-Union, Grade 16) at an annual salary of \$164,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director (ref. IV A.2);

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Services, Inc. to revise the scope of services and schedule with no increase in the contract amount and no increase in the contract term (ref. VII B.1).

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Approved: October 14, 2020

Attest:

 for
Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary