

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Chairman Fox, being unable to physically attend the meeting, requested that Commissioner Sheldon serve as acting Chair for the February 21st meeting. Commissioner Sheldon called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded, and asked for each Commissioner to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner – Present; Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner – Present; and Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner and Chairman - Present, in attendance virtually.

Others Present: Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer; Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer, Michael Abbondanzio, Foreman, and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director.

Virtually Present: Commissioner and Chairman Joshua M. Fox. There were no other individuals attending virtually.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 7, 2023, COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2023, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd and duly seconded by Commissioner Fox, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner. - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Acting Chairman and Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner – Aye

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S FEBRUARY 17th BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Executive Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report to the Commissioners and addressed questions regarding the following topics:

MWRA Metro-west Expansion Study:

Commissioner Sheldon provided an overview of the virtual meeting which was held on 2/16. Commissioner Sheldon stated that the MWRA announced that a meeting was recently held between them and CSX to begin the process for filing a request for use of the rail corridor to construct a water transmission line. Commissioner Sheldon also stated that other items discussed during the virtual meeting were the following: preliminarily proposed locations for MWRA water storage tanks, one being in Acton and the other in Concord near White's Pond and the Sudbury town line; the size of recommended tanks, which would be 18 million gallons using two 9-million gallon tanks at each location; the start of hydraulic modeling using average daily water demand for all communities seeking connections, whether emergency or continuously; the need for booster pump stations; and the need for facilities to boost disinfection along the route.

East Street Water Treatment Plant (WTP) PFAS Mitigation Project Design:

Commissioner Fox asked Mr. Roy what his concerns were for delaying the geo-tech borings at the East Street WTP that had been scheduled for the previous week. Mr. Roy stated that this was due to

revisiting the proposed location for the additional treatment for PFAS, based on the delineation of property lines. Following some discussion, Mr. Roy agreed to have Weston & Sampson provide further clarification of the property ownership issue and report on it in his next bi-weekly report.

There was no further discussion on the Director's Report.

3. REVIEW DRAFT REVISED EMPLOYEE POLICY (HANDBOOK):

Director Roy presented a draft of the revised Employee Policy which illustrated comparisons with the existing policy. The Commissioners reviewed about 1/3 of the draft and requested that Mr. Roy reach out to Attorney Robert Young of Bowditch & Dewey for clarification on some of the issues discussed during the review. Chairman Fox also requested that Director Roy mark-up the edits made at tonight's meeting and reforward a revised copy to the Commissioners in preparation for the next meeting.

There was no further discussion on this topic.

Conclusion of Open Meeting:

The motion to conclude the meeting was made, duly seconded, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner. - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner and Chairman - Aye

The Open Meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m.