

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 1, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held in the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Members: Allin, Begovich, Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin (remote)

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Bahceci (absent)

Staff: Brown, Coneway, Cotten, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, S. Miller, Moody, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others: N/A

Upon separate motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, unless otherwise noted, the following actions were taken:

Approval of Participation by Electronic Communication

Mr. Dotson moved, with a second by Mr. Begovich, that Mr. Rubin's request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved his request pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Mr. Rubin participated by means of electronic communication from Burke, Virginia, where he was located due to a temporary medical condition.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

Matters by Members

- Ms. Colleton provided an update on the meeting held earlier in the week to discuss the Town of Vienna's water system. Also in attendance were Mr. Griffin, Ms. Hedges, Supervisor Alcorn of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Town of Vienna Mayor.
- Ms. Ginyard-Jones reminded the Board about the Board Retreat Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for the following Monday (May 5) and noted that the Committee would be discussing Board Retreat after-actions.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Congratulated various staff members and Fairfax Water teams on a number of recent recognitions:
 - The Occoquan River Crossing Project, constructed by Garney, received the Heavy Construction Contractors Association's Excellence in Infrastructure Award in the

over \$20 million category. Ms. Hedges recognized Amanda Schumacher, who served as Construction Project Manager.

- Fairfax Water obtained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for the Murray Maintenance Facility. Ms. Hedges recognized Anne James, Project Engineer, for her work throughout the certification process.
 - Fairfax Water was notified by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) that both the Griffith and Corbalis Water Treatment Plants received Gold Awards for performance excellence in 2024. Ms. Hedges thanked Mr. Grimes, Mr. Coneway, Ms. Siminari, and their teams for their efforts.
 - Mr. Prelewicz was recognized as an essential part of Fairfax County's Interagency Team on Data Centers, which received a Fairfax County Team Excellence Award.
 - Ms. Miller was recognized for her work to achieve significant cost savings related to Fairfax Water's Consumer Confidence Reports, which are required to be published twice a year beginning in 2027.
- Informed the Board of the results of the recent availability poll seeking input on possible dates for a ribbon cutting event at the Willard Maintenance Facility. Seeing no workable date, the Board opted to poll July availability.
 - Noted the updated version of Board Item 3a included in the Handouts packet for the evening. The update corrected the project number in the Item and attached draft Resolution.
 - Highlighted the thank you note staff received from Mountain View School for the reusable water bottles provided to their students as part of their effort to reduce their use of single use drinking containers on campus. Ms. Hedges noted that the bottles provided included information for Spanish speaking students. A copy of the note was provided to each Member at their seat.
 - Highlighted the letter of appreciation included in the Handouts from "Friends of the Occoquan" thanking Fairfax Water for staff participation in their recent clean up event. The letter specifically recognized Ms. Bellezza and Mr. Salvatierra for their efforts related to the event.
 - Noted that the Handout packet also included photos from a recent Earth Day event at the Sully Historic Site where staff provided Water Bar services.
 - Informed Members that a copy of the 2024 Annual Performance Review was provided with the Information Items in their Board Packet.
 - Highlighted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) press release from earlier in the week which discusses actions to combat PFAS contamination. A copy of the release was provided to each Member at their seat.
 - Reminded Board Members that the Employee Service Awards Luncheon is scheduled for May 15 at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant. The event will begin at 11:15 a.m., with a Board Meeting to follow at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Hedges also noted that Delegate Bulova would be attending to receive the HB 2050 recognition Resolution passed by the Board in April. The Board opted to update the Resolution to include the date of presentation, May 15, 2025.

Matters by Members Continued

- Mr. Cammarata expressed congratulations on behalf of the Board to Mr. Grimes and the teams at Griffith and Corbalis for the aforementioned Gold Award recognition, Ms. Schumacher for her work on the Occoquan River Crossing Project, Ms. James for her work on obtaining LEED certification at the Murray Maintenance Facility, Mr. Prelewicz for his recognition as a member of the Fairfax County Interagency Team on Data Centers, and Ms. Miller for her work and cost savings on Fairfax Water's Consumer Confidence Reports.
- Ms. Colleton requested that the awards and recognitions displayed in the Board Room also be displayed at the Employee Service Awards Luncheon on May 15.

Appropriations

The Board unanimously approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$206,041. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

IT Network Management Services

The Board awarded a five-year contract to Ashburn Consulting LLC, for network management services for an estimated annual cost of \$233,000 through November 7, 2029. The Board also authorized staff to renew this contract for up to five additional one-year periods so long as Fairfax County exercises its renewal-options and pricing remains consistent with the contractual terms and conditions.

Project 2763, Division 1 – Merrifield Campus Analysis

The Board awarded a contract in the amount of \$196,431 to HGA for architectural and engineering services associated with the first phase of the Merrifield Campus Analysis. The Board also appropriated funds in the amount of \$230,000 to Project 2763, Division 1.

Project 2685, Division 1 – Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Water Main Relocations

The Board appropriated \$435,000 to Project 2685, Division 1, and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$358,800 for supplemental design services and construction phase services for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit water main relocations.

Project 2789, Division 1 – Griffith Treatment Plant PAC Feed System

After hearing a presentation by Mr. Dewhirst on the subject, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Resolution authorizing the solicitation of a design-build contract for the powdered activated carbon (PAC) feed system replacement at the Griffith Treatment Plant:

**FAIRFAX COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE SOLICITATION OF A DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT
FOR PROJECT 2789, DIVISION 1
GRIFFITH TREATMENT PLANT PAC FEED SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, a powdered activated carbon (PAC) feed system is an integral treatment process for the Griffith Treatment Plant, enabling staff to address spills and other contaminants in the Occoquan Reservoir to maintain optimal water quality; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water is currently undertaking a project to replace the PAC feed system at the Griffith Treatment Plant (the “PAC System Project”) to enhance operational reliability and safety for emergency response and to address United States Environmental Protection Agency national primary drinking water regulations for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which requires compliance with the maximum contaminant levels by April 26, 2029, and for which compliance monitoring must begin by April 2028; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2023, the Board authorized the use of construction management and design-build project delivery methods and established procedures for procuring such contracts (the “Alternate Delivery Procedures”); and

WHEREAS, the Alternate Delivery Procedures require written determination by the Board, based on staff’s recommendation, that competitive sealed bidding is not practicable or fiscally advantageous for a project under consideration, as the basis for the determination to use construction management or design-build project delivery; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that expedited project delivery is essential for the PAC System Project due to its criticality to Griffith Treatment Plant operations and the approaching regulatory deadline for PFAS; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that design-build project delivery offers the most efficient delivery method for the PAC System Project by providing the shortest overall project duration and facilitating early contractor engagement in cost management, value engineering, and the purchase of materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS, ON THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY 2025, HEREBY RESOLVED, that competitive sealed bidding is not the most practicable or fiscally advantageous project delivery method for the PAC System Project and that staff is hereby authorized to initiate the procurement of a design-build contract in accordance with the Alternate Delivery Procedures.

Closed Session

Mr. Dotson moved, with a second by Mr. Begovich, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically relating to the replacement Willston water storage tank, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body specifically relating to a Warrant in Debt filed by Jessica Walker, and Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)19 for discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; or discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2 where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system

or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building, or structure specifically relating to proposed public trails on the Griffith water treatment plant property.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Dotson moved, seconded by Mr. Begovich, certifying, in accordance with Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open Meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Virginia Code, and (ii) only such public business matters as were publicly identified in the motion by which the just concluded closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by Fairfax Water in closed session. This motion was approved, with the following Members voting in the affirmative by roll-call vote: Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Richard Dotson, Secretary