

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 20, 2024

At 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, 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 (absent), Griffin, Roberson, Rubin (remote)

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger (absent)

Staff: Brown, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP (remote), Kyle McGee, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (attended Closed Session only)

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 approved the minutes of the June 6, 2024, Meeting with a 7-0-2 vote. Messrs. Cammarata and Griffin abstained from voting, as they were absent for the June 6, 2024, Meeting.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

Mr. Griffin reported to the Board on the June 20, 2024, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee discussed the proposed schedule of rates, fees, and charges to be effective April 1, 2025, and two versions of the strategic financial model: the base case model and an alternate case that accounts for potential PFAS treatment costs. The Committee voted to recommend to the Board authorization to advertise the proposed rate changes as presented by staff.

Report of the Take-Home Vehicle Committee

Mr. Day highlighted the current Annual Report of Take-Home Vehicles and gave Members an opportunity to ask staff any questions. Seeing none, Mr. Day thanked staff for their work in creating the report.

Matters by Members

- Chairman Allin welcomed the new Director of Administration, Erica Brown, and the new Director of Engineering and Construction, Scott Dewhirst, to Fairfax Water.
- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Begovich requested to receive Board Member interest in Board Officer positions for the upcoming year prior to the start of the July 11, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Mr. Day requested information regarding the status of changes to the A/V system in the Board room. Chairman Allin requested to be briefed by staff on the matter.
- Chairman Allin asked Board Members to review the June 2023-June 2024 Board Member attendance document included in the Handouts packet for the Meeting.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Confirmed that Fairfax Water received a AAA rating from bond rating agencies Moody's and S&P and informed the Board that the bond sale will occur on July 9, 2024. She also noted that Ms. Sarah Frey of PFM will be providing a briefing on the sale at the July 11, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Informed the Board that staff recently hosted Supervisor Bierman from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a briefing and plant tour at the Corbalis Water Treatment Plant.
- Reminded Board Members to complete their contribution information statements, recently provided via email by Mr. McGranahan in support of the affidavit for the Special Exception application for the Poplar Heights Storage Tank.
- Reminded Board Members to submit their Board Retreat availability information via the recently distributed Doodle Poll.
- Informed the Board about an upcoming meeting scheduled for July 11 between Fairfax Water staff and staff from VDH to discuss the EPA's PFAS rule for drinking water and implementation questions staff has raised that require additional guidance from VDH.
- Informed the Board that the UOSA Board voted earlier in the evening to pause their Ozone Biofiltration project at the recommendation of their new Executive Director, Brian Steglitz.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for seven projects totaling \$1,168,000. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board packet for this Meeting.

Technology Master Plan – Procurement Enhancement

The Board awarded a contract to Carahsoft Technology Corporation, using Fairfax County Contract 4400006323, to implement and provide one year of managed services for SAP Ariba Supplier Management, Sourcing, and Contracting modules in the amount of \$585,000. The Board also authorized staff to purchase the SAP Ariba software as a service license in the annual amount of \$149,000, through the existing SAP contract. Finally, the Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$734,000 to Project 2426 ERP Enhancements for the implementation services, one-year of managed services, and the first year of SAP Ariba software as a service license.

Closed Session

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 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 PFAS related litigation, including the pending multi-district federal litigation, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)8 for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically relating to potential recovery of PFAS-related costs, 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 the recent trespass of a facility.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich moved, seconded by Mr. Day, 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: 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 8:17 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary