

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 16, 2024

At 2:25 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant at 9600 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

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

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger (absent)

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

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. Day, that Ms. Colleton and Mr. Cammarata's requests to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication were consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved their requests pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Ms. Colleton participated by means of electronic communication from Arlington, Virginia, where she was located for business. Mr. Cammarata participated by means of electronic communication from his vehicle in Fairfax County, Virginia, while in route to the Meeting location.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 2, 2024, Meeting.

Matters by Members

- Mr. Rubin proposed that staff schedule a meeting with stakeholders to discuss PFAS-related efforts. The topic was tabled for discussion during the Report of the Polluters Pay Committee Meeting portion of the Meeting.
- Chairman Allin congratulated staff on the success of the Employee Service Awards ceremony, which was held earlier in the day.

Board Retreat

Ms. Ginyard-Jones revisited holding a Board Member retreat to discuss ongoing initiatives and strategic planning topics. Chairman Allin assembled an ad hoc Board Retreat Planning Committee, appointing Ms. Ginyard-Jones Chair and Ms. Colleton and Mr. Dotson as Committee members.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Thanked Members of the Board for their continued support of employee benefit and recognition programs.
- Informed the Board that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to increase the Fairfax Water Board's compensation rates, which will be effective July 1, 2024. A copy of the resolution was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Highlighted the Annual Performance Review, a copy of which was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Discussed the reference slides provided to Board Members at their seats, which covered PFAS data discussed at the Polluters Pay Committee Meeting the prior evening.
- Announced that Bao Nguyen has been selected as the new Director of Technology.

Report of the Polluters Pay Committee Meeting

Mr. Cammarata reported to the Board on the inaugural meeting of the Polluters Pay Committee, which was held on May 15, 2024. Greg Prelewicz, Director of Planning and Water Resources, gave a presentation on various topics, including Griffith Water Treatment Plant (GTP) PFAS Data, the GTP Bench scale PFAS treatment study, PFAS watershed studies, potential sources of PFAS, the Virginia PFAS Source Regulation, and planning efforts currently in progress by staff.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for six projects totaling \$408,332. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board packet for this Meeting.

Purchase of Couplings, Adapters, and Parts

The Board awarded a one-year contract to Core & Main in the estimated amount of \$281,389.02 for Lots 1 and 3, and to Ferguson Waterworks in the estimated amount of \$203,024.64 for Lot 2. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Further, the Board authorized staff to renew these contracts annually for up to four additional one-year periods so long as prices remain fair, reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Project 2772 – Risk and Resilience Plan 2025

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$400,000 to Project 2772, Division 1, for the preparation of the Risk and Resilience Assessment Report as mandated by the EPA. The Board also authorized the General Manager to award a Task Order to CDM Smith under the General Engineering Services Basic Ordering Agreement in the amount of \$362,560 for the preparation of the RRA Report.

Project 2773 – Emergency Response Plan 2025

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$179,000 to Project 2773, Division 1, for the preparation of the Emergency Response Plan Report as mandated by the EPA.

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 and a Warrant in Debt filed by Jessica Walker, and 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.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich moved, seconded by Mr. Rubin, 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. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary