

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Government Relations Committee Meeting
February 8, 2024

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Government Relations Committee was held at the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

Committee Members: Begovich, Colleton, Griffin, Rubin (Chair)

Other Members: Allin, Cammarata, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Roberson

Wholesale Representative: Danziger (absent)

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

Others: Preston Bryant, McGuire Woods Consulting (remote)

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

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the January 25, 2024, Meeting.

Update on the 2024 General Assembly Session

Mr. Bryant provided an update on the 2024 General Assembly session. He provided updates on bills introduced in the House and Senate which are within the Board's areas of legislative interest. The Committee discussed bills related to PFAS and prioritization of water withdrawals. Senate Bill (SB) 673 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to prioritize drinking water and "food production" in its permitting and regulatory actions. "Food production" is not defined and its prioritization conflicts with the Code of Virginia. The Committee recommended that the Fairfax Water Board express its concern regarding SB 673 to the Fairfax County Delegation to the General Assembly.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Burton J. Rubin, Committee Chairman