

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 2, 2023

At 6:56 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023, 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

Wholesale Customer Representatives: none

Staff: Aranda, Atapoor, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, Kingsbury, B. Miller, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Sinopole

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

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

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the October 19, 2023, Meeting.

First Closed Session

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Day, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to 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 PFAS-related Litigation and Potential Recovery of PFAS-related Costs.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich made a motion, 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. Ms. Ginyard Jones recused herself from the Meeting prior to the closed session.

Matters by Members

- Ms. Ginyard-Jones thanked leadership and Staff for the recent speedy repair of the main break on Kirby Road in Falls Church.
- Mr. Griffin updated the Board on ongoing discussions regarding cross-connection control with Fairfax County leaders and expects to deliver a progress report to the Board at the next meeting.

- Mr. Cammarata inquired about the timing of the request for the Board Member pay increase.
- Chairman Allin read aloud a thank you note from former Fairfax Water General Manager Chuck Murray, thanking the Board and Staff for the opening of the new Murray Maintenance Facility.
- Chairman Allin congratulated Mr. Begovich on his upcoming birthday.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- A draft response letter to the City of Falls Church regarding the proposed repayment plan for rent owed to Falls Church. It will be paid in three payments over three years. Mr. Cammarata made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dotson that the letter be sent with edits as discussed and approved the payment plan set forth in the letter. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Fairfax Water participated in the first in-person meeting of the Executive Committee on the Occoquan Sewershed at Griffith Water Treatment Plant earlier that day.
- A postcard mailed to residents downstream of the Occoquan Reservoir in advance of the upcoming Dam Siren Test on November 14, 2023.
- Low flows continue in the Potomac and large portions of the Potomac watershed are characterized as being in varying levels of drought. ICPRB recently published a November water supply outlook report for the region due to the ongoing drought conditions.
- Staff anticipates two committee meetings on November 16 and a closed session during the Board Meeting.
- Loudoun Water's General Manager Carla Burleson is retiring after 35 years of service. The recruitment for her successor is underway.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for two projects totaling \$556,773. A detailed description for each project appropriation was included with the Board packet.

Meter Management Program

The Board awarded a contract to Raftelis Financial Consultants in the amount of \$124,733, riding the Montgomery County, Virginia contract 23-06, to evaluate Fairfax Water's meter management program.

Turbidity Instrumentation

The Board awarded a contract to Tintometer, Inc. through January 23, 2025, and appropriated \$258,000 to Project 3652 to purchase an estimated 60 turbidimeters, as long as prices remain fair and reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms.

Vehicles and Heavy Equipment

The Board awarded a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lindsay Ford LLC, in the amount of \$268,100 for the purchase of four vehicles and appropriated \$269,000 to Project 3653, Division 001 – Vehicles.

Water Mitigation Services for Water Main Break Claims

The Board awarded a 14-month contract to RW Services, LLC for water mitigation services in the estimated annual amount of \$110,000. Expenditures may be more or less subject to actual requirements. Additionally, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract annually through December 31, 2027, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions. Expenditures incurred under this contract are eligible for VRSA reimbursement.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

Mr. Roberson reported that Roger Cronin, representative of the Trust Engineer Greeley and Hansen, reported on the condition of Fairfax Water's facilities and noted that the facilities are in good condition. Mr. Roberson moved, with a second by Mr. Rubin, that the Board approve the advertisement of the proposed 2024 Annual Budget. The motion was approved unanimously, and the Board will consider the draft 2024 Annual Budget at its Meeting on December 14, 2023.

Second Closed Session

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Rubin, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 for discussion or consideration of assignment, promotion, resignation, and performance of specific public employees of Fairfax Water.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Dotson made a motion, 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. Begovich, Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Colleton, and Ms. Ginyard-Jones.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary