

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 7, 2022

At 6:38 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held at the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

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

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger, (Jaatinen absent)

Staff: Atapoor, Coneway, Dooley, Goldberg, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Roche

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

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 June 16, 2022, Meeting.

Human Resources Committee Report

Mr. Dotson reported that the Committee discussed several alternative modifications to the Child and Adult Care Subsidy Program.

The Committee will meet on July 21 to discuss the annual review of the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager.

Motion Following the Human Resources Committee Report

The Committee recommended to the Board that the Child and Adult Care Subsidy Program be modified to: index the eligible income levels and subsidy for inflation; remove the limit on number of dependents eligible for the subsidy; implement a \$12,000 per year limit per employee on the subsidy received under this program.

Matters by Members

Mr. Day inquired about the current employee complement, personnel onboarded in 2014 as a result of the acquisition of the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church water systems, and efforts to realign positions with organization needs. Ms. Hedges stated that compared to similar-sized water utilities, Fairfax Water's complement is much lower even after the City acquisitions. Some of the former City staff remain at Fairfax Water, and some have retired or left the organization. Staff routinely evaluates vacancies and reclassifies open positions to meet the evolving needs of the organization. Ms. Hedges cited recent examples to address the need to add financial planning and cybersecurity expertise to staff.

Ms. Ginyard-Jones received an email from Supervisor Foust regarding the "no trespassing" signage recently placed on the Powhatan Hill property. It was proposed that the signage be changed to "pedestrian use only" so that residents will have limited access to the property. Mr. Hoke consulted

Fairfax Water's insurance carrier, who confirmed that current coverage would apply if walking is allowed on that property. Mr. McGranahan confirmed that Virginia Statute §29.1-509 would apply in this case and protect Fairfax Water from liability. Staff will install new signs that clarify pedestrian use of the property is permitted while all other uses are prohibited. Staff will have a surveyor visit the site to re-establish the property line and monitor it regularly for potential encroachments from adjacent property owners.

Chairman Allin spoke to the following:

- Wished Mr. Cammarata a belated Happy Birthday.
- Announced that Ms. Colleton, Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Dotson, and himself were all reappointed to the Board by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Tonya Clement has joined the Fairfax Water team as the Executive Assistant.
- Staff participated in a call with staff from Sen. Warner's office on the 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) as part of the ongoing regional efforts to get the Senate version of the bill to reflect the language that was approved by the House, which would authorize the study for a supplemental water supply for the region. Staff from Sen. Warner's office was supportive of the language and indicated they would reach out to committee members to express their support. Staff will participate in a call next week with Senator Kaine's office for the same purpose.
- PFAS update:
 - Fairfax Water has received one customer call on the EPA's updated Health Advisory.
 - A copy of a comment letter from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies to EPA regarding recommended ambient water quality standards for PFAS is provided at Members' seats.
 - Staff had an initial meeting with staff from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Department of Health, Upper Occoquan Service Authority, and Prince William County Service Authority to discuss the PFAS levels in the Occoquan, occurrence data, and current monitoring efforts.
 - Staff also attended a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments call with regional drinking water utilities to discuss the new Health Advisory and EPA guidance.
- A reporter from the Washington Post has reached out to staff about increasing salt levels in the region's water supply. He recently requested information on our communications with Micron on their sodium discharges.
- Staff participated in a meeting convened by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin Commissioners to discuss potential revisions to the Low Flow Allocation Agreement. Future meetings will focus on the flow-by and allocation formula. Staff will keep the Board updated on this matter.

Health Plan Renewal for Fairfax Water Medicare-eligible Retirees and Dependents

The Board approved a contract award to UnitedHealthcare for a fully-insured Medicare Supplemental Insurance and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and dependents for an estimated \$1,151,713 annually. Costs are subject to annual adjustments related to plan coverage, rate increases, and the number of participants. The Board approved renewal of the contract for up to four additional one-year periods, as long as prices remain fair and reasonable, with customer service and plan administration satisfactory and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Charge for Unauthorized Use of Service

The Board approved the increase of the proposed "Failure to Report Hydrant Meter Reading" to \$100 in the rates, fees, and charges to become effective April 1, 2023.

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)3 for discussion of performance and salaries of specific public officers or employees of any public body specifically relating to personnel matters related to a specific employee.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich made a motion, 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 7:48 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary