

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**October 10, 2024**

At 7:43 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 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, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

**Wholesale Customer Representatives:** Bahceci

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

**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 Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Meeting.

**Report of the Finance and Audit Committee**

Mr. Griffin reported to the Board on the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Mr. Prelewicz and Mr. Dewhirst presented to the Committee on the 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the progress of major projects from the 2024 CIP. Additionally, Ms. Oates provided a brief update on the Strategic Financial Model and Rates based on the proposed 2025-2034 CIP, which included PFAS treatment at Griffith.

**Report of the Government Relations Committee**

Mr. Rubin reported to the Board on the Government Relations Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Mr. Bryant provided a presentation to the Committee on legislative background for the 2025 General Assembly session. Additionally, Ms. Hedges reported on the PFAS Assessment and Source Reduction Activities 2024 Annual Report recently provided to the Governor and General Assembly by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Mr. Rubin moved, with a second by Mr. Begovich, that the Board adopt and authorize as part of its legislative agenda the items with respect to PFAS set forth in the paper provided by staff during the upcoming General Assembly session, subject to Mr. Bryant reporting back on the feasibility of those various items and the likelihood of achieving them. The motion passed unanimously.

**Introduction of Prince William County Wholesale Customer Representative**

Chairman Allin introduced Dr. Suleyman Bahceci and welcomed him to the Meeting. Dr. Bahceci was appointed Prince William County's Wholesale Customer Representative to the Fairfax Water Board on September 3, 2024.

## **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)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.

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. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton. Ms. Ginyard-Jones did not participate in the Closed Session and therefore abstained from voting on the motion to certify the Closed Session.

## **Matters by Members**

- Mr. Rubin brought forth the "Drinking Water Fluoridation" Information Item for discussion.
- Chairman Allin presented Mr. Roberson with a 15-year service pin and Mr. Begovich with a 20-year service pin.
- Mr. Roberson shared that he recently received the Fuller Award from the Virginia section of the American Water Works Association.

## **Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Referenced the letter that Fairfax Water recently received from the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water confirming receipt of PFAS data from Fairfax Water in September. The letter also noted that the data would be shared with the Department of Environmental Quality.
- Highlighted the report recently issued by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin titled "The Economic and Fiscal Costs of Water Supply Disruption to the National Capital Region." A copy of the report was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Discussed the letter that Fairfax Water recently sent to members of Congress in support of H.R. 7499, the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act.
- Highlighted the Q3 report on Contracts Authorized within the General Manager's Authority, a copy of the report was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Informed the Chairman that staff have requested that Administrative Item 2c, Pavement Restoration Services, be removed from the agenda for this evening's meeting.

- Informed the Board that Fairfax Water has submitted its Lead Service Line Inventory to the Virginia Department of Health ahead of the October 16, 2024, deadline. Ms. Hedges also informed the Board that in the coming days, letters would begin going out to customers whose service line status is still unknown, lead or galvanized requiring replacement.

### **Appropriations**

The Board unanimously approved an increase in appropriations for seven projects totaling \$865,392. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board packet for this Meeting.

### **Project 2753, Division 3 – PFAS Pilot Testing for the Griffith Water Treatment Plant (WTP)**

The Board voted 9-1, with Mr. Cammarata voting nay, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$345,000 to Project 2753, Division 3 and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order amendment with CDM Smith in the amount of \$228,414 for engineering services to implement PFAS pilot testing at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



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Richard Dotson, Secretary