

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 17, 2025

At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, 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 (absent), Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Bahceci

Staff: Brown, Coneway, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Hedges, Kingsbury, Long, Love, S. Miller, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Chris Pomeroy, AquaLaw (attended Closed Session only) (remote)

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 approved the Minutes of the June 26, 2025, Board Meeting via a 7-0 vote. Mr. Dotson and Mr. Griffin abstained from voting, as they did not attend the June 26, 2025, Meeting.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Mr. Griffin reported on the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Ms. Oates presented the proposed schedule of rates, fees, and charges to be effective April 1, 2026. Ms. Hedges reviewed a memo requesting additional positions be added to the overall Fairfax Water Complement.

Motion on the Proposed Rates, Fees, and Charges and Public Hearing Date

Mr. Griffin moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Board will vote at its July 31, 2025, Meeting, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed schedule of rates, fees, and charges to be effective April 1, 2026, and set a public hearing for December 11, 2025. The motion passed via an 8-1 vote, with Mr. Cammarata voting Nay.

Matters by Members

- Mr. Allin thanked staff for their work on the Willard Maintenance Facility Ribbon Cutting event held earlier in the week.
- Mr. Cammarata requested to convene a 30-minute meeting of the Facilities Naming Committee ahead of the Board Meeting on July 31, 2025.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Thanked Board Members for attending the Willard Maintenance Facility Ribbon Cutting event held earlier in the week. Ms. Hedges also recognized Jessica Love, Susan Miller, and Jesse Aranda for their work on planning and coordination for the event.
- Noted that the 2024 Retirement Plan Audit and Retirement Plan Actuarial Report have been posted to Diligent for review.
- Highlighted the annual memorandum from Ms. Oates outlining the activity on the Retirement Plan for 2024, which was included in the Information Items section of the July 17, 2025, Board Packet. Ms. Hedges also highlighted the Retirement Plan Report Card document, which was provided to each Member in their Handouts packet. The 2024 Actuarial Report indicates the Fairfax Water Retirement Plan is currently 90% funded.
- Informed the Board that a copy of the email sent earlier in the week with information and historical documentation on the naming of Fairfax Water facilities was included in the Handouts.
- Highlighted two articles included in the Handouts packet for the Meeting. The first covered efforts to expand tap water usage in the Culmore area which were in part funded through Fairfax Water's Stakeholder Outreach Grant Program. The second provided some perspectives from wastewater utilities on PFAS.
- Noted that the Handouts packet includes the latest edition of the Connections Employee Newsletter and a hard copy of the Consumer Confidence Report.
- Introduced Mr. Dewhirst to provide an update to the Board on recent staff efforts to resolve a water leak issue affecting customers in the Springfield area.

Closed Session

Mr. Cammarata moved, with a second by Mr. Griffin, 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 source reduction efforts.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Cammarata moved, with a second 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: Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Day, Mr. Cammarata, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

Motion Following Closed Session

Mr. Cammarata moved, with a second by Mr. Day, to authorize and direct counsel to negotiate and finalize the Agreement discussed in closed session with consultation from the Chairman of the Board for signature by the General Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

Matters by Members Continued

- Mr. Rubin inquired about the status of the updates being made to the audio/visual system in the Board Room. Mr. Nguyen provided a status update and additional information.
- Chairman Allin asked for a status update on potential use of the former Chantilly Maintenance Facility property. Ms. Hedges provided a brief update.

Matters by Staff Continued

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Introduced Mr. Long and Ms. Brown to provide an update on the status and progress of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) pilot program.

Matters by Members Continued

- Mr. Cammarata requested to receive information on the anticipated total cost to Fairfax Water should the Board approve the General Manager's request, made during the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting earlier in the evening, to increase the Fairfax Water Complement. Mr. Cammarata also requested to receive information on the impact the addition to the Complement would have on the proposed commodity rate.
- Mr. Cammarata requested information on the financial impact that PFAS-related budget items would have on the commodity rate. Specifically, the Powder Activated Carbon project and PFAS pilot study.

Appropriations

The Board unanimously approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$307,450. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

Rules of Decorum

The Board discussed the draft Rules of Decorum document initially introduced by the Board Retreat Planning Committee for review on June 12, 2025. Mr. Day suggested potential changes to the By-laws to codify the Board's informal use of Robert's Rules of Order. After the discussion, the Board determined that the matter would be tabled until a future meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Joseph Cammarata, Secretary