

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 19, 2024

At 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 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 (remote), Griffin, Roberson (absent), Rubin

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Bahceci (absent)

Staff: Bolton, Brown, Cotten, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Holmes, Kingsbury, Love, S. Miller, Oates, Prelewicz, Redder, Roland, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Suzanne Sangree, Grant and Eisenhofer P.A. (attended Closed Session only)

Others: David Calvert, PFM Financial Advisors, Kyle Jones, PFM Financial Advisors, Steven Danziger, former Prince William County Wholesale Customer Representative

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

Approval of Participation by Electronic Communication

Mr. Dotson moved, with a second by Mr. Begovich, that Ms. Ginyard-Jones' request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved her request pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Ms. Ginyard-Jones participated by means of electronic communication from New Paltz, New York, where she was temporarily located for business.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 5, 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. The Committee heard a presentation on Investment Performance by Mr. Calvert and Mr. Jones of PFM Financial Advisors and a 2024 Annual Budget update from Ms. Oates.

Report of the Infrastructure Committee

Mr. Begovich reported to the Board on the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee heard presentations from Mr. Cotten on the upcoming Merrifield campus space analysis and the Dulles Toll Road Crossing project. Mr. Scott provided an update on the construction of the Willard Maintenance Facility, and Mr. Dewhirst gave a presentation on construction cost inflation trends.

Matters by Members

- Mr. Day commended staff on the Board Room audio system improvements.
- Mr. Dotson recognized the work of Commissioner Hancock at the Fairfax County Planning Commission for his attention given to the Poplar Heights Tank replacement project. Mr. Dotson also thanked staff, including Mr. Cotten, Mr. Brancaccio, Mr. Prelewicz, and counsel, Mr. McGranahan, for their continued work on the project.
- Chairman Allin presented Mr. Dotson with a 15-year service pin.
- Chairman Allin introduced Mr. Danziger to speak about his time as the Prince William County Wholesale Customer Representative to the Fairfax Water Board.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Introduced Fairfax Water's new Operational Technology Manager, Jason Roland, to the Board and highlighted his previous roles within the organization.
- Highlighted a letter from Prince William Water expressing their interest in purchasing additional capacity. A copy of the letter was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Recognized the collaborative team of staff from Fairfax Water, Prince William Water, the Upper Occoquan Service Authority, the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab, and Hazen, who are working on a Water Research Foundation proposal for a One Water approach for PFAS in the Occoquan. Ms. Hedges also recognized Fairfax County's Stormwater and Wastewater teams and the Fauquier County Water and Sewer Authority for their recent interest in joining this effort.
- Reiterated that the Poplar Heights Tank project has cleared the Fairfax County Planning Commission and informed the Board that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding the project's Special Exception Application at an upcoming meeting.
- Informed the Board that updated Quick Reference cards were included in their Handouts packets for this evening.
- Highlighted the most recent employee newsletter, which contains information about the upcoming health fair and other health-related items for staff. Copies of the newsletter were provided to each Member at their seats.
- Discussed the letter recently received by Supervisor Jimenez's office from Dr. Silver, a vendor seeking to sell water filter products to the County to distribute to residents. A copy of the original letter, and Fairfax Water's response, were provided to each Member at their seats.
- Introduced Mr. Redder to provide an update on Fairfax Water's compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for five projects totaling \$312,000. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board packet for this Meeting.

Security Camera Servers and Software

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$231,000 to Project 2366, Division 1 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Convergent Federal to provide, install and configure security camera servers and software in the amount of \$210,000.

Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Compliance – Water Pitchers, and Replacement Filters and Delivery Services

The Board awarded annually renewable contracts to Ferguson and Trupani in the aggregated annual amount estimated at \$500,000. Annual expenditures may be more or less subject to actual requirements. The Board also authorized staff to renew the contracts annually for up to four additional, one-year periods, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

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. 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: 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.

Acknowledgement of Staff

Mr. Cammarata commended staff on their efforts related to PFAS. Specifically, he thanked staff for their efforts in identifying what is needed to comply with new regulations and determining potential sources of PFAS.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary