

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 23, 2026

At 6:25 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, 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 (absent), Roberson, Rubin

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Bahceci (absent)

Staff: Brown, Cotten, Creel, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Rhodes, Spittle

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

Others: Dena Andre, Glenda Booth, Cindy Brack, John Culbertson, Stephen Ortman, Manley Williams, and Robert Surovell, Tauxemont Community Association, Inc.

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 April 9, 2026, Board Meeting.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

Mr. Roberson, who served as Committee Chairman in Mr. Griffin's absence, reported on the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Michael Garber of PB Mares LLP presented the results of the annual audit of Fairfax Water's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025, and informed the Board that Fairfax Water received a clean audit with no issues or adjustments. The Committee also heard a presentation by Sarah Frey from PFM Financial Advisors LLC regarding a potential change in bond counsel, and Traci Goldberg, Director of Transmission and Distribution, on proposed non-compliance fees for the Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program.

Following Mr. Roberson's report, the following motions were made based on the recommendations of the Committee:

Mr. Roberson moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that the audit report be finalized and submitted to the trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roberson moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that staff proceed with entering into a contract to hire Kaufman and Canoles, P.C. as Fairfax Water's new bond counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roberson moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, to advertise a public hearing, anticipated to be scheduled for July, regarding the new proposed non-compliance fee relating to the Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Matters by Members

- Ms. Colleton thanked Ms. Hedges and staff for the recent report summarizing the American Water Works Association study “Beyond the Replacement Era: Balancing Compounding Infrastructure Needs with Household Affordability,” noting that its key points may be topics for Members to address with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- Mr. Rubin inquired about the Environmental Working Group’s recent news release on nitrates and the potential impact on Fairfax Water. Ms. Hedges provided background and confirmed that Fairfax Water’s reported levels are consistently below the Environmental Protection Agency’s Maximum Contaminant Level for nitrates.
- Mr. Roberson noted that he recently visited Congressman Walkinshaw with staff members Brian Redder and Chris Moody as part of the National Water Policy Fly-In. He noted that the meeting went very well and complemented Mr. Redder and Mr. Moody for their insights and the information they contributed to the meeting.
- Ms. Ginyard-Jones confirmed that the Executive Search Committee (ESC) had received the additional information requested from the search firms interviewed and anticipated being prepared to make a final recommendation at their meeting scheduled for later in the evening. She also expressed concern that if the ESC were required to bring the recommendation back to the Board for a vote, final approval would be delayed until late May.
 - In the interest of time, Ms. Ginyard-Jones moved, with a second by Mr. Roberson, that the Board authorize the ESC to make a final selection and that the procurement be completed under the authority mechanisms of the General Manager. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn. After consultation with Counsel, the Board determined it would convene a Closed Session as part of the current Meeting to conduct final deliberations and make the selection as a full Board.
- Chairman Allin introduced Mr. Surovell to address the Board on behalf of the Tauxemont Community Association, Inc.

Closed Session #1

Mr. Cammarata 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 source reduction efforts, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)19, for discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; or discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2 where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building, or structure specifically relating to recent cybersecurity threats.

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, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Ms. Colleton.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Discussed key points from the General Assembly update Handout provided to each Member at their seat.
- Provided an update on flow conditions in the Potomac River, citing sections of the April water supply outlook report published by Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). A copy of the report was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Informed the Board that Fairfax Water was invited by “Agenda: Alexandria” to participate in a panel on how city residents receive their water. She noted that Mr. Dewhirst would be representing Fairfax Water at the event.
- Noted that Mr. Prelewicz attended the UOSA Board Meeting earlier this month, where ICPRB Co-Op staff presented their regional Water Supply and Demand Forecast. The presentation was similar to the presentation that Fairfax Water received in March but included additional information on the Occoquan.
- Shared that on Monday, April 27, staff would be participating in a workshop on the Washington Aqueduct with counterparts from Arlington County and DC Water. The workshop will serve as a kick-off for the Aqueduct’s Advanced Treatment Study. Ms. Hedges also shared that on April 30, she and Chairman Allin will attend a meeting with staff from Arlington County and DC Water to discuss DC Water’s proposed acquisition of the Aqueduct.
- Informed the Board that earlier in the week, both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Maryland filed similar suits against DC Water related to the Potomac Interceptor incident earlier this year.
- Confirmed that the Virginia Department of Health issued the Fish Advisory for the Occoquan Reservoir previously discussed at the April 9, 2026, Board Meeting and noted that it generated only very limited local press coverage and a handful of customer inquiries.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for two projects totaling \$135,700. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

Strategic Plan 2030

After brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Strategic Plan 2030.

Closed Session #2

Mr. Cammarata moved, with a second by Mr. Rubin, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)29, for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically relating to RFQ 26-052 Executive Search Firm.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Cammarata moved, with a second 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. Dotson, Mr. Day, Mr. Cammarata, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Ms. Colleton. Mr. Begovich stepped away to attend to a personal matter and therefore was unable to attend the full closed session or vote on the motion.

Motion Following Closed Session

Ms. Ginyard-Jones moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that the Board authorize the General Manager to retain the Executive Search consultant consistent with the discussion held in the Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Joseph Cammarata, Secretary