

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**April 9, 2026**

At 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 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 (remote), Cammarata (absent), Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

**Wholesale Customer Representatives:** Bahceci (absent)

**Staff:** Brown, Cotten, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Scott

**Counsel:** John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP,

**Others:** Preston Bryant, McGuire Woods Consulting

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

**Approval of Participation by Electronic Communication**

Mr. Roberson moved, with a second by Mr. Rubin, that Mr. Begovich's request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved his request pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Mr. Begovich participated by means of electronic communication from North Carolina, where he was located due to the temporary medical condition of a family member.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Board Meeting. The Board also approved the Minutes of the April 2, 2026, Work Session, via an 8-0-1 vote, with Mr. Rubin abstaining because he was not present for the Work Session.

**Report of the Executive Search Committee**

Ms. Ginyard-Jones reported on the Executive Search Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee met in Closed Session to review presentations by the firms that submitted bids in response to RFQ 26-052, Executive Search Firm. After evaluating the initial presentations, the Committee requested additional information from the bidders. Once that information is received, the Committee will reconvene to finalize its recommendation to the full Board.

**Report of the Government Relations Committee**

Mr. Rubin reported on the Government Relations Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee received a presentation by Mr. Bryant recapping the Virginia General Assembly's 2026 legislative session which highlighted matters of particular interest to Fairfax Water. The Committee anticipates receiving a final update on the status of legislation pending review and signature by the Governor in the coming days.

## **Matters by Members**

- Chairman Allin called for Matters by Members. Seeing none, he proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

## **Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Announced that the Fitch Rating Agency has re-affirmed Fairfax Water's AAA bond rating. Ms. Hedges thanked Ms. Oates and her team for their efforts relating to maintaining the rating.
- Provided an update on the jet fuel leak at Dulles Airport that she initially reported on in February.
- Informed the Board that Fairfax Water anticipates that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will be making a fish consumption advisory for the Occoquan relating to the Department of Environmental Quality's recent discovery of PFOS in fish flesh. She noted that staff is prepared to respond to questions that may arise regarding drinking water as a result of the advisory.
- Shared that Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Water had recently issued a press release announcing it would be cutting back on fluoride dosing due to supply shortages. Ms. Hedges confirmed that Fairfax Water's supplier was not currently affected by the shortage and anticipates continued dosing at the recommended rate.
- Updated Members on the Willston Tank Replacement project, noting that Fairfax County has accepted the Special Exception application and that Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings are expected in October. Ms. Hedges also shared that Fairfax Water will meet in May with tenants of the apartment building slated for demolition to discuss relocation plans.
- Introduced Ms. Goldberg to present on the Cross Connection Control Program (CCCP) and Fairfax County's expected termination of the Agreement. Ms. Goldberg outlined the current program, the circumstances surrounding the County staffs' indication that they plan to end the Agreement, and high-level requirements for Fairfax Water to take over all activities associated with the CCCP if the County proceeds with terminating the agreement.
- Introduced Mr. Dewhirst, who announced that Mr. Cotten was recently promoted to Director, Engineering and Construction. The Board congratulated Mr. Cotten on his new position.
- Summarized three Handouts relating to the Washington Aqueduct. As a result of the discussion, the Board requested to hold a Work Session on related topics ahead of the June 2 joint meeting with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

## **Appropriations**

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$854,000. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

### **Cybersecurity Monitoring Technology**

The Board approved a contract amendment to increase the estimated expenditures by \$168,000, for a new estimated contract amount of \$643,382, utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 121923-SHI for a term effective through February 27, 2028. Actual expenditures may be more or less subject to other operational IT requirements.

### **P2791, Division 1 – Transmission System Monitoring**

The Board authorized the General Manager to award a contract with L/B Water Services, Inc. for Fire Hydrants with Remote Monitoring Software Service Licenses in the estimated annual amount of \$244,398. Additionally, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute the McWane, LLC iHydrant Software Service Agreement limiting the Board's contractual remedies and authorized staff to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods in the estimated annual amount of \$244,398, so long as prices remain consistent with contractual terms and conditions. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Finally, the Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$237,567 to Project 2791, Division 1.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Roberson 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 or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically relating to the Chantilly Maintenance Facility and 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 Tysons Corner Property Holdings LLC v. Fairfax County Water Authority, et al CL-2025-0008308.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Roberson 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. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Colleton.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Joseph Cammarata, Secretary