

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Government Relations Committee Meeting
February 22, 2024

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Government Relations Committee was held at the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

Committee Members: Begovich, Colleton, Griffin, Rubin (Chair)

Other Members: Allin, Cammarata (absent), Day, Dotson (absent), Ginyard-Jones, Roberson (absent)

Wholesale Representative: Danziger (absent)

Staff: Aranda, Coneway, Dooley, Goldberg, Hardy, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

Others: Preston Bryant, McGuire Woods Consulting (remote)

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

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 8, 2024, Meeting.

Update on the 2024 General Assembly Session

Mr. Bryant provided an update on the 2024 General Assembly session. He provided updates on bills introduced in the House and Senate which are within the Board's areas of legislative interest. The Committee discussed bills related to PFAS and prioritization of water withdrawals. Senate Bill (SB) 673 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to prioritize drinking water and "food production" in its permitting and regulatory actions. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Fairfax Water Board authorize Preston Bryant to continue to voice Fairfax Water's opposition to the bill, which would include testifying in opposition to the bill before the relevant committee and taking other appropriate action in opposition to the bill.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.


Burton J. Rubin, Committee Chairman