

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**January 23, 2025**

At 7:06 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 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, Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

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

**Staff:** Brown, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Long, Love, S. Miller, Oates, Prelewicz, Redder, van der Vyver

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

**Others:** Samantha Villegas, Raftelis

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 January 9, 2025, Meeting.

**Report of the Government Relations Committee**

Mr. Rubin reported on the Government Relations Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Mr. Bryant provided an update on bills that have been submitted for consideration by the 2025 session of the Virginia General Assembly. This briefing included an update on Fairfax Water's bill, HB 2050 – Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program.

**Report of the Board Retreat Planning Committee**

Ms. Ginyard-Jones reported on the Board Retreat Planning Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Chair provided the Committee with an update on the progress being made by the Board Evaluation consultant, Raftelis, and noted that there would be a progress update meeting held with the consulting team in February. Additionally, the Committee discussed potential agenda items for the Board Retreat and ranked them in order of importance to the Board.

**Matters by Members**

Chairman Allin requested to table item 2c, Relocation of Warehouse and Archives to Willard Road Maintenance Facility, and asked staff to investigate a matter related to the selected contractor. Receiving no objections from Members, the item was tabled.

**Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Reminded Board Members that Statement of Economic Interest forms are due to the Fairfax County Department of Clerk Services by February 3, 2025.
- Informed the Board that staff would soon be advertising the 2025 Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Grant Program. Applications will be due by May 15, 2025, and will come back to the Water Quality and Supply Committee for review and selection.
- Confirmed that all updates related to HB 2050 were discussed during the Government Relations Committee Meeting and that there was no additional information to report.
- Highlighted articles recently written relating to the Richmond, Virginia water crisis, one of which covers public trust and the water sector was provided to Members at their seats for review.
- Informed the Board that Scott Morris, formerly the Director of Water Programs at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, has been made Interim Director of the Richmond, Virginia Public Utilities Department.
- Highlighted three documents provided to Members at their seats relating to workforce issues.
- Introduced and summarized FOCUS 2025, formerly known as “General Manager’s Priorities.”

### **Appropriations**

The Board unanimously approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$163,800. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

### **Water Treatment Chemicals – Extension of Existing Contracts**

The Board extended the chemical contracts identified in the Board packet for this Meeting by one month, until February 28, 2025.

### **Low Flow Allocation Agreement – Framework for Flow-By Study**

Mr. Prelewicz provided a presentation on the revised draft framework for a potential reassessment of the Potomac River environmental flow-by below Little Falls Dam developed by Commissioners of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). The revised draft includes a partial list of revisions in response to written comments provided by Fairfax Water in May 2024. Staff, working with Counsel, will provide additional written comments to the Commissioners on a few remaining items. Staff will update the Board on the proposed Framework at a future meeting.

### **PFAS Strategic Communications Plan**

Samantha Villegas from Raftelis presented on the work completed to date for Fairfax Water’s strategic communications plan for PFAS. She described the process undertaken to develop the plan and noted the importance of leveraging the role that partners—including Fairfax Water’s wholesale customers—will play in helping to convey the messaging to various audiences. In addition to the communications plan, Raftelis is developing key messages, outreach materials and a communications implementation plan. Board members expressed interest in receiving training on PFAS communications at a future meeting.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, 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 award of contract pursuant to Invitation for Bids #24-013.

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: Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



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Richard Dotson, Secretary