

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**October 5, 2023**

At 2:11 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, 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:** Danziger (absent), Jaatinen (absent)

**Staff:** Arcese, Atapoor, Cotten, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Hoke, T. Jones, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Scott, Sinopole

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

**Others:** Anthony Moreno, Customer

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the Minutes of the September 21, 2023, Meeting.

**Report of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

Mr. Roberson motioned to revise the Rules and Regulations for the Furnishing of Water Service to eliminate section V.K. - Swimming Pool Adjustment, to be effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dotson and passed unanimously.

**Report of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting**

Mr. Begovich motioned to direct staff to work with legal counsel and develop draft revisions to Fairfax Water's procurement policy for the Board's consideration to incorporate alternative project delivery methods for capital construction projects as permitted under Virginia Code 2.2-4382. Mr. Rubin noted that the policy should require prior approval of the Board if an alternative means of procurement is used for a project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dotson and passed unanimously.

**Matters by Members**

Mr. Cammarata updated the Board on the status of a letter intended for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed compensation increase for Fairfax Water Board Members. The vote on this matter at the previous Meeting did not meet the requirements to move approval. Mr. Cammarata moved that the letter be approved and signed by the Chairman with edits as discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rubin and approved by the Board via roll call vote. Mr. Roberson and Mr. Griffin abstained, and Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Rubin, and Ms. Colleton voted to approve the motion.

Mr. Griffin reported to the Board that he and Ms. Goldberg met with Barbara Byron, Policy Advisor for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman McKay, to discuss the cross-connection control program. Mr. Griffin stated that the meeting was productive. Ms. Goldberg noted the County's concerns about communicating backflow policies with residential customers.

Mr. Dotson mentioned how he previously offered Supervisor Palchik to host Supervisors and staff members at a Fairfax Water treatment plant for a visit and requested Staff to facilitate this by spring 2024. Mr. Griffin reminded the Board of the upcoming elections, possibly resulting in newly elected officials who may also benefit from a tour. The Board previously discussed a second Drinking Water Summit in the Spring of 2024. Mr. Rubin recommended that Staff begin planning for this event.

Chairman Allin thanked Ms. Hedges and Staff for the planning and organization of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Charles M. Murray Maintenance Facility earlier that day.

### **Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Ms. Hedges thanked Mr. Atapoor, his team, Ms. Miller, and her team for organizing the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Murray Maintenance Facility.
- Members were provided the quarterly update on the electric vehicle pilot project expenses.
- The upcoming employee picnic will be held at the newly opened Murray Maintenance Facility on October 14.

### **Customer Comments**

Mr. Moreno, a Fairfax Water Customer, addressed the Board regarding the service line leak repair at his residence and sought consideration from the Board for adjustment of his three most recent quarterly bills. The Board reiterated the details of the Leak Adjustment Policy and stated that Mr. Moreno could request an adjustment per the Policy. Mr. Moreno received a notice stating that his water would be shut off the following week for non-payment. Mr. Jones confirmed that Mr. Moreno's service would not be shut off on the date specified and that he could set up a payment plan.

### **Appropriations**

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for two projects totaling \$2,300,000. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this 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 PFAS-related Litigation and Potential Recovery of PFAS-Related Costs.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich made a motion, seconded 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: Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton. Ms. Ginyard-Jones recused herself from the Meeting prior to the closed session due to a conflict of interest.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Dotson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard Dotson, Secretary