

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**September 20, 2017**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on September 20, 2017 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Vice-Chair Carroll presided. Present from the Board were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Blackmon, Cotter, Flanagan, Pappastergion, Peña, Vitale and Walsh; Messrs. Beaton and Foti were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Steven Remsberg, General Counsel, Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, and Bonnie Hale, Assistant Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of July 19, 2017, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Laskey reported on various matters, including: offering congratulations to Board member Henry Vitale on his receipt of the Shattuck Chairman's Award for prudent management and inspired leadership of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, and to Stephen Estes-Smargiassi for his receipt of the American Waterworks Association Fuller Award for distinguished leadership in the water supply field. In addition, Mr. Laskey commented on graphs depicting progress in the recovery of Quabbin Reservoir water levels; advised that Board members would be provided with the specific dates of a

previously-discussed plan to have only one Board meeting in June every year instead of two; and handed out an agenda for an off-site MWRA Managers' Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2017.

BOARD ACTIONS

APPROVALS

Bond Defeasance of Future Debt Service

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director or his designee, on behalf of the Authority, to enter into, execute and deliver all necessary agreements and other instruments and to take such other actions necessary to effectuate the redemption and defeasance of an aggregate principal amount of \$9,570,000 of outstanding MWRA senior bonds including to cause the escrow of cash and/or securities in an amount necessary to fund such redemption and defeasance, in order to reduce the debt service requirement by \$10,601,900 in the FY19 through FY21 timeframe.

PCR Amendment – September 2017

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve an amendment to the Position Control Register as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Chemist III, Laboratory Services

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Ms. Melissa Sturk to the position of Chemist III (Unit 9, Grade 22) at an annual salary of \$91,416.02, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Chemist III, Laboratory Services

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Kevin Constantino to the position of Chemist III (Unit 9, Grade 22) at an annual salary of \$91,416.02, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Regional Manager, Toxic Reduction and Control

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Alix Pierre-Louis to the position of Regional Manager, Toxic Reduction and Control (Unit 9, Grade 29) at an annual salary of \$110,228.55, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Manager, Energy, Operations Division

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Michael E. McDonald to the position of Manager, Energy (Non-Union, Grade 14) in the Operations Administration Department, at an annual salary of \$129,683, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Program Manager, Energy Management, Operations Division

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Ms. Courtney Fairbrother to the position of Program Manager, Energy Management (Unit 9, Grade 29) in the Operations Administration Department, at an annual salary of \$93,061.78, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Manager, Metering and Monitoring, Planning Department

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. David A. Liston to the position of Manager, Metering and Monitoring (Non-Union, Grade 14), in the Operations Division, Planning Department, at an annual salary of \$129,682, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Manager, SCADA and Process Control

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Augustin Serino to the position of Manager, SCADA and Process Control (Non-Union, Grade 14) at an annual salary of \$134,769 commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment Project Manager, Service Contracts, Metro Maintenance

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Altaf Bhatti to the position of Project Manager, Service Contracts (Unit 9, Grade 25) in the Operations Division, Metropolitan Maintenance Department, at an annual salary of \$90,774.59, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Senior Medium Voltage Electrical Specialist, Western Maintenance

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Robert Bonfiglio to the position of Senior Medium Voltage Specialist (Unit 3, Grade 20) in the Southborough Equipment Maintenance Section at an annual salary of \$86,149.56, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Supervisor, Transmission and Treatment Operations, Carroll Water Treatment Plant

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Thomas Patriarca to the position of Supervisor, Treatment and Transmission Operations (Unit 1, Grade 26) at the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant at an annual salary of \$86,746.65, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite to the Deer Island Treatment Plant: Borden & Remington Corporation, Bid WRA-4413

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Purchase Order Contract WRA-4413, Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Borden & Remington Corporation, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,285,696.19 for a period of one year, from November 17, 2017 through November 16, 2018.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Alewife Brook Pump Station Rehabilitation: Barletta Engineering Corporation, Contract 6797, Change Order 2

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 2 to increase the amount of Contract 6797 with Barletta Engineering Corporation, Alewife Brook Pump Station Rehabilitation, for a lump sum amount of \$690,000, and to extend the contract term by 180 calendar days to November 27, 2018; further, to authorize the Executive Director to approve

additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 6797 in amounts not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000 and 180 days in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station Design, Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Contract 7156, Amendment 4

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 4 to increase the amount of Contract 7156 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station Design, Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services, in the amount of \$711,617.02, with no change in the contract term.

Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station, BHD/BEC JV 2015, A Joint Venture: Contract 7157, Change Order 21

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 21 to increase the amount of Contract 7157 with BHD/BEC JV 2015, A Joint Venture, Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station, for a lump sum amount of \$285,385, with no increase in contract term; further, to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7157 in amounts not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000 in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was, upon a roll call vote in which the members were recorded as follows:

Yes

No

Abstain

Blackmon  
Cotter  
Flanagan  
Pappastergion  
Peña  
Vitale  
Walsh  
Wolowicz  
Carroll

Voted to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation, in that such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Authority.

It was stated that the meeting would return to open session solely for the consideration of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session at 1:25 p.m. and adjourned.

Approved: October 18, 2017

Attest:

  
Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary