



Minutes

March 21, 2024

*Remote via zoom*

After the conclusion of the Advisory Board meeting and WSCAC meeting (see minutes in links), the WAC-only part of the meeting started.

**Attendees:**

**WAC Members:** Kannan Vembu (Chair), **Dan Winograd** (Vice Chair), **Adriana Cillo** (BWSC), **Craig Allen**, **Wayne Chouinard**, **George Atallah**, **Karen Lachmayr**, **Martin Pillsbury**, **Stephen Greene**, **Taber Keally** (NepRWA), **Alfredo Vargas**, **Jim Ferrara** (Members in attendance in **bold**)

**Guests:** Wendy Leo (MWRA), Christine Bennett (Advisory Board), Moussa Siri, Paul Lauenstein ( and others from WSCAC)

**Staff:** Andreae Downs

**VOTES:** November 3 minutes, nomination of Christine Bennett as the Advisory Board staff member to WAC

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mostly covered in writing to the WAC. Highlighted the OMSAP microplastic workshop, noted Sen. Ed Markey was co-sponsoring the federal WIPPES Act, which is substantially similar to the proposed legislation WAC has before the MA Legislature. Andreae called Jessica Gauger at CASA, which had worked on California's wipes law. Heard that it was working as designed; most major wipes brands are properly labeling their products and education materials are out on various media. Gauger also heard that a court case in South Carolina was nearing settlement, which would impose international dispersibility standards on US wipes labeled "flushable."

A member asked about the final Deer Island NPDES permit. Ms. Leo noted that EPA needed to consult with the National Marine Fisheries, which might delay a final permit somewhat, but that otherwise we should see the permit soon.