

## In-Person MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST Board Meeting

MA Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), 225 Turnpike Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., Southborough

August 1, 2025 from 10 am to 12 pm

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions - R.J. Lyman, Chair
  - Introduce MET's new Trustee, Vikki Spruill\*, President and CEO, New England Aquarium
2. Vote on the June 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
3. Review MET FY26 Grant Recommendations
  - Project Review by Dicken Crane – impressions
  - Discussion about potential cost-sharing opportunities with the Cape Cod Chamber (Rob O'Leary)
  - Final project selections
4. MET Update
  - Review of MET By-Laws
  - Implementation of the Strategic Plan
    - MET Finances MET Fundraising Activities
      - Donor Advised Giving & Online Donations
      - Board Engagement
        - Jeff Porter - Whale Watch Companies
        - RJ Lyman – Individual Donors; Barr and other Foundations
        - John DeVillars – Barr and other Foundations
        - Other?
    - Future Plate Auctions
    - Collaboration with DMF
5. Other Business
  - Schedule next virtual meeting for Thursday August 21 or Sept 18

#### **\*About Vikki Spruill:**

*Vikki N. Spruill is President and CEO of the New England Aquarium, an ocean conservation organization that educates and inspires more than a million visitors a year on Boston's Central Wharf; conducts applied research through its Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life; and rescues and rehabilitates threatened and endangered sea turtles in its Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy, Mass. Ms. Spruill previously served as President and CEO of the Council on Foundations, the largest association of philanthropic grant-making organizations, and Ocean Conservancy, a science-based advocacy organization dedicated to the oceans. She also founded the Trash Free Seas Alliance, was the founding director of SeaWeb, and helped found COMPASS, which empowers scientists to better engage in public discourse on environmental issues.*

*Ms. Spruill is on the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce as well as the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Water Institute of the Gulf. She is a Trustee of the New England Aquarium and an active member of Boston's Green Ribbon Commission and the Massachusetts Women's Forum. She also serves as Co-chair of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Climate & Energy Leadership Council and as a member of M&T Bank's Director's Advisory Council.*

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