

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CLEAN WATER TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

January 8, 2020
1:00 PM

State House, Room 227
Boston, Massachusetts

Minutes

Attendees: Treasurer Deborah Goldberg
Michael Heffernan, Secretary of Executive Office for Administration and Finance
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP

Also Present: Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, MCWT
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer, MCWT
James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
Emily Kowtoniuk, Deputy Legislative Director, Office of the State Treasurer
Andrew Napolitano, Deputy Communications Director, Office of the State Treasurer
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Capital Planning and Long-Term Obligations,
Executive Office for Administration and Finance
Stephanie Cooper, Deputy Commissioner, MassDEP

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Goldberg at 1:04 p.m.

Item #1 **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Secretary Heffernan and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg.

Treasurer Goldberg stated that she is happy that we can roll out this program to provide a solution to the previous testing program.

Ms. Perez explained how this motion will authorize the Trust to launch the School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) program. The program will provide grants to school districts for early education facilities, childcare centers, and public schools to purchase and install point-of-use filtered water bottle filling stations. The vote language allows the Trust to use the \$5 million authorized through Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2019, but will also allow the Trust to provide additional program funding if needed.

Grants that are to be awarded will not require a matching contribution. The program will launch with a pilot funding round. The Trust expects to begin soliciting applications on February 3rd. This round is capped at \$1 million. There will be outreach to school districts before the start of application period on February 3rd. At the close of the pilot round on March 6th, the Trust will begin a policy review period to ensure that the program and its processes are working efficiently. Recipients are to receive \$3,000 in grant proceeds per eligible fixture.

Secretary Heffernan talked about how the bottle filling stations will be helpful for filtering out substances such as copper in addition to lead.

Commissioner Suuberg said that MassDEP and the University of Massachusetts will conduct outreach and offer technical assistance to help school districts with the program before and during the installation of the bottle filling stations.

Ms. Cooper said that there is to be an announcement for Program launch at Boston Green Academy in Brighton on January 13th.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Resolution Authorizing the School Water Improvement Grant Program

1. The Trust hereby approves the establishment of a program (the “Program”) to provide assistance in the form of grants (including, without limitation, an additional subsidy equivalent to a loan at an interest rate of zero percent and principal forgiveness, as provided in Section 6(c) of the Enabling Act), to assist schools with procurement and installation of point-of-use (POU) filtered water bottle-filling stations in eligible educational facilities where there are known lead exceedances (as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection).
2. The Trust authorizes and directs the Executive Director, and such other officers of the Trust as the Executive Director may delegate, to develop such additional Program description and documentation and to cooperate with the Department of Environmental Protection to solicit proposals for loans eligible for the Program.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Secretary Heffernan and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Presentation
2. School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program Brief