

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

July 12, 2023
1:45 PM

Location: Remote*

Minutes

Attendees: State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Chair
Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner, MassDEP
Matthew Gorzkowicz, Secretary of the Executive Office for
Administration and Finance

Also Present: James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
Timur Yontar, Capital Budget Director, Executive Office for
Administration & Finance
Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT
Pam Booker, Accountant, MCWT
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT
Julian Honey, Program Associate, MCWT
Kailyn Fellmeth, Program Associate, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Senior Program Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic
Designer, MCWT
Kathryn Armour, Data Analyst, MCWT
Sophia Lindstrom, Summer Intern, MCWT
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Timothy Jones, Legal and Policy Analyst, MassDEP
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Greg Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant, Office of the State
Treasurer
Makayla Fucile, Special Assistant, Office of the State Treasurer
Andrew Napolitano, Director of Communications, Office of the State
Treasurer
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, MWWA
Emily Kowtoniuk, Legislative Director, Office of the State Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Goldberg at 1:50 p.m.

Item #1

MOTION- VOTE

Acceptance and Approval of June 7, 2023 Minutes

The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on June 7, 2023.

Item #2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Disbursements

Ms. Perez stated that to date, the Trust has disbursed approximately \$87.4 million in ARPA funds.

Lead Service Line (LSL) Planning Grants

Ms. Perez stated that the response to the LSL Planning Grant Program has been outstanding, with 81 grants issued totaling \$21.4 million. There have been 60 grants totaling approximately \$15.1 million awarded to disadvantaged communities. LSL planning and inventory grants may lead to construction projects in the future.

EPA Grant Applications

Ms. Perez said that federal grant applications for fiscal year 2023 have been submitted to EPA.

MassDEP has applied for \$38 million in funding for emerging contaminants grants. Awards are expected in late August or September.

The Trust and MassDEP are delaying their application for the LSL grant to ensure the timing of construction and grant portions line up.

Expansion of the Executive Committee

Ms. Perez said that at the June Board meeting, a vote passed to expand the Executive Committee membership from three to five. At today's meeting, Timothy Jones will be nominated as the Deputy Director of Program Development.

Item #3

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Secretary Gorzkowicz and seconded by Commissioner Heiple and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Appointment of Officer and member of the Executive Committee

That the Board of Trustees appoints and confirms the following individual as an officer of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust and, as such officer, as a member of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, which individual has been nominated as such officer by the Trustees listed next to their name:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>
Deputy Director of Program Development	Timothy Jones	Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Secretary Gorzkowicz.

Ms. Perez stated that the Trust has remaining outstanding bonds from three older series which had related guaranteed investment contracts (GICs). Rates at the time of series closing were beneficial but now that the Trust earns a higher rate in Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT) funds, it is beneficial to terminate the GICs. This will free up \$43 million to invest at better rates. This motion also reduces Trust's counterparty risk and reporting.

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

Cash Defeasance of Series 8, 9 and 11

1. That the Executive Director of the Trust is hereby authorized, to redeem all or a portion of the Trust's outstanding Pool Program Bonds, Series 8. Series 9 and Series 11 and to apply funds in the Trust's equity funds in sufficient amount to accomplish such redemption.
2. That the Executive Director and such other officers of the Trust as the Executive Director may delegate are hereby authorized to perform all such further steps and actions as the Executive Director, determines to be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this vote, including, without limitation, buying and selling securities, transferring money from the Trust's equity funds, and executing and delivering any instruments, notices, certifications, instructions, or other documents related thereto.

Item #5

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Secretary Gorzkowicz and seconded by Commissioner Heiple and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following: *Approval of Asset Management Program Grant Commitments and Grant Agreements*

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DWA-23-70	Auburn Water District	\$93,000
DWA-23-71	Middleborough	\$125,259
DWA-23-67	Milford	\$43,920

Item #6

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Secretary Gorzkowicz and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Lead Service Line Planning Program Grant Commitments and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DWL-23-73	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$2,800,000
DWL-23-54	Clinton	\$188,500
DWL-23-61	Easthampton	\$225,000
DWL-23-69	Framingham	\$430,514
DWL-23-72	Gardner	\$290,000
DWL-23-65	Malden	\$1,400,000
DWL-23-59	Mattapoisett	\$100,000
DWL-23-62	New Bedford	\$227,400
DWL-23-58	Provincetown	\$123,760
DWL-23-57	Rowley	\$43,200
DWL-23-68	Seekonk Water District	\$259,740
DWL-23-63	South Deerfield Water Supply District	\$213,000
DWL-23-64	Southwick	\$216,300
DWL-23-74	Sudbury Water District	\$188,890
DWL-23-56	West Warren Water District	\$150,000
DWL-23-12	Westfield	\$307,500
DWL-23-66	Wilmington	\$214,795

Item #7

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Secretary Gorzkowicz and seconded by Commissioner Heiple and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Clean Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-22-52	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$ 2,172,625¹	1.5%²
CW-22-39	Chicopee	\$ 7,300,000³	2%

Item #8

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Secretary Gorzkowicz and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Drinking Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-23-23	Fall River	\$ 4,150,000	2%
DW-23-60	Mattapoissett River Valley Water District	\$ 1,800,000	2%

¹ First Revision. Original PAC amount was \$2,000,000.

² Housing Choice Loan

³ First Revision. Original PAC amount was \$7,298,000.

Item #9

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Secretary Gorzkowicz and seconded by Commissioner Heiple and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Clean Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-22-52	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$2,172,625	1.5%²
CWP-22-39	Chicopee	\$6,008,000	2%
CWP-22-39-A	Chicopee	\$1,292,000	2%
CW-22-68	Fall River	\$1,400,000	1.5%²
CW-22-28	Orleans	\$29,443,754	0%⁴
CWP-22-49	Quincy	\$4,679,821	1.5%²
CWP-22-49-A	Quincy	\$290,000	1.5%²
CWP-22-55	Revere	\$8,074,079	2%
CWP-22-55-A	Revere	\$1,780,000	2%
CWP-22-50	Saugus	\$1,748,703	2%
CWP-22-36	Springfield Water and Sewer Commission	\$18,627,000	2%
CWP-22-36-A	Springfield Water and Sewer Commission	\$3,362,339	2%

Item #10

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Secretary Gorzkowicz and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Drinking Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DWP-22-21	Eastham	\$15,000,000	2%
DW-22-32	Essex	\$2,498,980	2%
DWP-23-23	Fall River	\$4,150,000	2%

⁴ Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Loan

Item #11 **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Secretary Gorzkowicz and seconded by Commissioner Heiple and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program and Approval of SWIG Program Grant

That School Water Improvement Grant, numbered, to the grantee and in the amount as follows is hereby approved, subject to the terms of the applicable grant agreement:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
SWIG-23-06	Leverett School District	\$6,000

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Commissioner Heiple and seconded by Secretary Gorzkowicz and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Minutes, June 7, 2023
2. MassDEP Nomination Letter for Timothy Jones
3. Cash Defeasance Memo
4. Project Descriptions

***Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, July 12, 2023 meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, §20, as modified by c.20 of the Acts of 2021, c.22 of the Acts of 2022, and c.2 of the Acts of 2023.

Those who would like to attend the meeting, please e-mail masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us to request meeting information. Information to access the meeting will be available through the duration of the meeting. However, we encourage participants to request the information by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting.

To ensure that the audio is clear to all attendees, unless you are actively participating in the meeting, please mute your audio. If you have technical difficulties joining the meeting, please email masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us.

Please Note: There will be no physical meeting at the offices of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.