

**NOTICE OF MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, §§18-25, and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Executive Committee to be held remotely at the following time:

**February 25, 2026
1:30 PM ET**

This meeting is open to the public. To access, please contact the Executive Committee at masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us and you will be provided with a meeting link. If you do not have access to email, please call 617-367-9333 x 580 to request the meeting's conference call dial-in number.

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires anyone wishing to record a meeting to first notify the Chair so that the Chair can inform other attendees, so when contacting the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Executive Committee please indicate if you intend to record the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

Listing of Topics:		
	Call to Order	
	1. Review and approval of minutes from the 1/7/2026 and 1/14/2026 meetings of the Executive Committee	Voting Item
	2. 2026 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) Update: MassDEP will provide an update on the publication of the draft IUPs.	
	3. Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program: MassDEP will provide an update on plans for LSL Grant funds.	
	4. LSL Planning Grant Extension Request: The Trust will present an LSL Planning Grant extension request.	Voting Item
	Other Business <i>(Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)</i>	



MASSACHUSETTS
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***Item #1: Draft Minutes of the Meetings Held on
January 7, 2026 and January 14, 2026***

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Remote
Notice: Due public notice given
Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Kaitlyn Connors, Director of Program Development, Trust
Timur Yontar, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
Bridget Munster, Deputy Director of Program Development, Trust
My Tran, Treasurer, Trust
Also Present Nate Keenan, Department Director, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, Trust
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer,
Trust
Josh Derouen, Program Manager, Trust
Kailyn Fellmeth, Senior Program Associate, Trust
Aidan O’Keefe, Program Associate, Trust
Esther Omole, Program Associate, Trust
Ray LeConte, Program Associate, Trust
Nicole Munchbach, Assistant Controller, Trust
Pam Booker, Accountant, Trust
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, Trust
Iden Abdulrahman, Accountant, Trust
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director, MassDEP
Michele Higgins, Program Manager, MassDEP
Michael Celona, Drinking Water Specialist, MassDEP
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Gregory Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Hannah Parzen, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP
Alex Smith-Lin, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works
Association

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS	
	Open the Meeting: Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	Review and approval of minutes from the 10/22/2025 meeting of the Executive Committee: The Committee approved meeting minutes from the 10/22/2025 meeting of the Executive Committee.

2.	<p><u>Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant Extension Requests:</u> Mr. O’Keefe stated that AMP Grant extension requests were received from three communities, as outlined in the Executive Materials. The communities all noted that they have faced delays. It was recommended that the communities be granted extensions of 60 days beyond the requested extension deadlines.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to grant the recommended deadline extensions to allow the communities ample time to complete the scope of work and project closeout documentation.</p>
3.	<p><u>Lead Service Line (LSL) Grant Extension Requests:</u> Ms. Omole stated that LSL Planning Grant extension requests were received from three communities, as outlined in the Executive Materials. The communities noted the need for additional time to incorporate additions to the scope of work, including statistical analysis, predictive modeling, and potholing inspections based on modeling results, and to complete project closeout. It was recommended that the communities be granted extensions of 60 days beyond their requested extension deadlines.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to grant the recommended deadline extensions to allow the communities ample time to complete the scope of work and project closeout documentation.</p>
4.	<p><u>Education Facility Lead Remediation Proposal:</u> Mr. Maple stated that the Trust will not be able to issue reimbursement checks to individuals and private entities for lead remediation, as previously requested by MassDEP. The reimbursements amounts are small and the process of collecting individual personal information from schools, childcare centers, and family daycares for the approval of reimbursements would impose significant administrative challenges on the Trust. Mr. Maple recommended that MassDEP conduct a cost-benefit analysis to work with a third-party.</p> <p>Mr. Maple stated that the Trust previously allocated \$400,000 to support water sampling in private schools. A portion of these funds has been utilized, and approximately \$235,000 remains. The Trust does not foresee any issues with expanding the use of these funds to include lead remediation. However, a formal Board vote is needed to move forward with the proposal. Before proceeding, the Trust requested a project plan outlining the anticipated costs of working with a third-party vendor and specifications on what portion of costs would be covered by private sampling funds. This information is needed to ensure a transparent understanding of how federal and private funds would be combined and to determine the exact role of the remaining funds in the proposed project.</p> <p>Ms. Perez noted the importance of having a plan in place before presenting the proposal to the Board. She suggested that MassDEP have additional information available for the Board’s consideration, including the plan for when funds are depleted. Ms. Perez also mentioned that there are still federal SWIG grant funds remaining. She suggested that the group develop a strategy to ensure these grant funds are fully expended.</p>

<p>Mr. Celona stated that MassDEP, through its partnership with UMass Amherst, recently hired a full-time outreach coordinator to address ongoing structural challenges in outreach for the Water Smart Program. MassDEP is preparing to launch a pilot program for lead remediation, drawing on lessons learned from other states and their own research. On the private school side, Mr. Celona mentioned progress with engagement from the Archdiocese for water testing. Mr. Celona concluded by thanking the Trust for considering MassDEP's requests.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Trust's Board of Trustees that the use of funds be expanded so MassDEP may use the remaining balance of approximately \$235,000 to include lead remediation activities.</p>
<p><u>Other Business:</u></p> <p>Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Federal Grants Update: Mr. Maple stated that the proposed FY 2026 federal State Revolving Fund Appropriations have been published and are expected to be approved by Congress. He presented a table with historical funding amounts from previous years and explained that the Clean Water Base Grants have remained flat since 2021. However, Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects have returned in the 2026 appropriations and are projected to exceed \$900 million. This would reduce the total Clean Water (CW) State Revolving Fund (SRF) appropriation by 54.9% and leave \$721.7 million available to the states. The estimate of Massachusetts' 2026 CW Capitalization Grant is approximately \$24.3 million, pending the bill's passage and finalization of national set-asides allotments by EPA.</p> <p>Mr. Maple noted a significant increase in the CDS portion of the Drinking Water (DW) SRF appropriations, accounting for about 64.1% of the total funds and leaving roughly \$384.3 million available to states. The estimate of Massachusetts' portion of the DW Capitalization Grant is approximately \$8.3 million. Mr. Maple acknowledged that there may be a slight reduction in the DW grant amount but emphasized that the numbers provide a high-level overview based on current projections for FY 2026.</p>
<p><u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Connors moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.</p>

Minutes Approved:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Remote
Notice: Due public notice given
Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Kaitlyn Connors, Director of Program Development, Trust
Timur Yontar, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
Bridget Munster, Deputy Director of Program Development, Trust
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Also Present Nate Keenan, Department Director, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, Trust
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, Trust
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist and Database Manager, Trust
Josh Derouen, Program Manager, Trust
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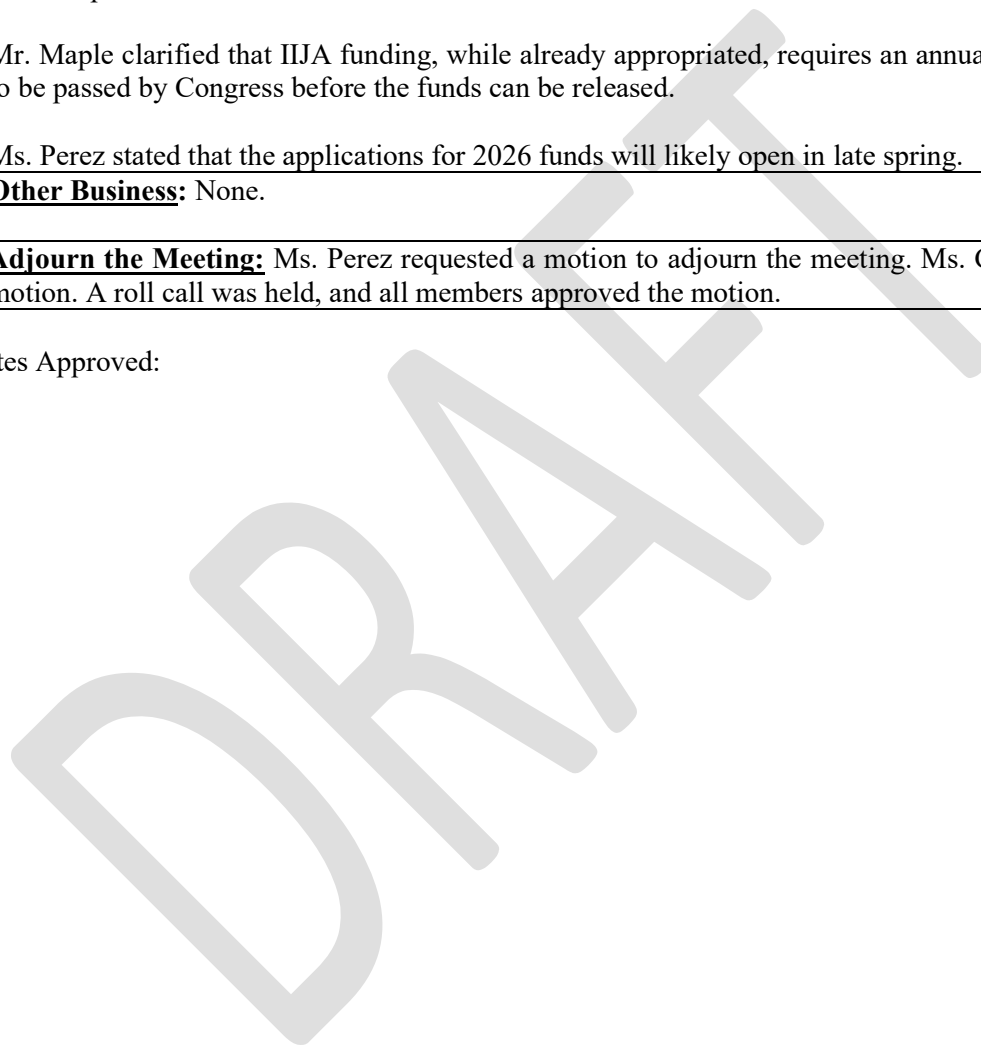
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

	Open the Meeting: Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	Lead Service Line (LSL) Planning Grant Extension Request: Ms. Omole stated that an LSL Planning Grant extension request was received from Lancaster, as outlined in the Executive Materials. The community noted that additional time is needed to submit an outstanding invoice and to complete project closeout documentation. It was recommended that the community be granted an extension of 60 days beyond the requested extension deadline. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to grant the recommended deadline extensions to allow the community ample time to complete the scope of work and project closeout documentation.

<p>2.</p>	<p>LSL Replacement Program: Mr. Keenan stated that the Trust and MassDEP must demonstrate a plan to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for unused federal LSL Grant funds in order to access the 2025 LSL Grant allocation. Set aside funds from previous years were used to support the LSL Planning Grant Program and have been fully committed. However, the Trust has remaining non-set aside LSL funds from 2022, 2023, and 2024. It was recommended that the Trust and MassDEP expand current offerings to include 0% LSL Planning Loans, in addition to existing 0% Construction Loans. Both programs will be eligible for loan forgiveness.</p> <p>Outreach efforts will include promotion at the upcoming Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference, coordination with MassDEP’s Drinking Water Program, collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and direct outreach to communities that have identified LSLs in their systems through completed surveys.</p> <p>Ms. Connors inquired about the timeline for EPA guidance on plans for unused funds, to which Mr. Keenan responded that the information from EPA Region 1 came through a press release from EPA Headquarters and formal guidance has not yet been issued. The Trust and MassDEP will follow up with EPA about expectations at the forthcoming Annual Review.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>0% Interest Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Mitigation Loans: Ms. Perez provided an overview of the Trust’s 0% PFAS Loan Program and its impact on contract assistance. Following the adoption of new PFAS regulations in 2020, the Trust began offering 0% interest PFAS loans to reduce the financial burden on communities. Since then, PFAS projects have comprised a significant portion of the Drinking Water Intended Use Plan (IUP).</p> <p>To date, the Trust has committed to financing \$731 million in PFAS projects. Approximately \$61 million in contract assistance is required to subsidize PFAS projects from the upcoming Series 27 bond deal, predominantly consisting of projects from the 2023 IUP. This brings the total contract assistance subsidy for the bond deal to \$155 million, an increase from \$103 million in the prior bond deal. PFAS projects from the 2024 and 2025 IUPs have not yet been financed but are estimated to require an additional \$93 million in contract assistance for future financing.</p> <p>Contract assistance funds are primarily used to subsidize interest rates below 2%, including 0% interest PFAS loans, with the remaining funds available for future loan forgiveness. Continued increases to the contract assistance for 0% loans reduce the amount of excess funding available for future loan forgiveness. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has supported loan forgiveness since 2022 but will sunset after 2026. Given the reduced base grants, Ms. Perez emphasized the need to preserve contract assistance so the Trust may continue to provide future loan forgiveness.</p> <p>Mr. Yontar inquired about when the change would go into effect, and which communities have tested for PFAS but not yet come through the program for remediation.</p> <p>Ms. Perez responded that the change will be implemented on the 2026 IUP and the Trust will pull together the information on communities who have not tested positive for PFAS but not utilized the program. She noted that communities have had time to implement plans.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted unanimously to present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to remove the 0% interest rate subsidy for PFAS projects.</p>

4.	<p>Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Federal Grants: Mr. Maple provided an update on federal grant funding. He stated that the federal bill has passed the House and is currently under review by the Senate. He added that there have been no changes since the previous update and that the status of the Congressionally Directed Spending projects remains the same.</p> <p>Ms. Perez stated that funding reductions remain in place, with over 50 percent reductions in both Clean Water and Drinking Water Base Grants.</p> <p>Ms. Connors asked about the status of the IJJA grant, noting that she has not yet seen any confirmation of the expected 2026 funds.</p> <p>Mr. Maple clarified that IJJA funding, while already appropriated, requires an annual appropriation bill to be passed by Congress before the funds can be released.</p> <p>Ms. Perez stated that the applications for 2026 funds will likely open in late spring.</p>
	<p>Other Business: None.</p>
	<p>Adjourn the Meeting: Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Connors moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.</p>

Minutes Approved:





Items #2-3: *(No Reference Documents)*



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Item #4: *LSL Planning Grant Extension Request*

LSL Planning Grant Extension Requests

Grantee	Grant Number	Original Grant Expiration Date	Maximum Extension (+10 Months)	Grantee Proposed Closeout Deadline	Extension Recommended (Grantee Proposed Closeout Deadline + 60 Days)
Lawrence	DWL-24-30	7/10/2026	5/10/2027	11/1/2026	12/31/2026