

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

April 26, 2016

2:15 PM

State House  
Room 227  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Deborah Goldberg, State Treasurer and Receiver General  
Kristen Lepore, Secretary, Executive Office for Administration and Finance  
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner, MassDEP

**Also Present:** James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General  
Beth Card, Deputy Commissioner, MassDEP  
Douglas Fine, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP  
Steven McCurdy, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Edmund Coletta, Press Secretary/Public Affairs Director, MassDEP  
Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT  
Nathaniel Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT  
Bernard Greene, Senior Legal Counsel, MCWT  
Chandra Allard, Deputy Director of Communications, Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General  
Dan Truong, Assistant Communication Director, Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General  
Brendan Moss, Communication Director, Executive Office for Administration and Finance

Various media outlets were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Treasurer Goldberg.

Item #1

**MOTION**

The Motion was made by Treasurer Goldberg, seconded by Secretary Lepore to vote to ***Reserve Funds to Test Public School Water Samples for Lead***

**DISCUSSION OF THE MOTION**

Commissioner Suuberg, said that MassDEP is very thankful that Governor Baker's administration and Treasurer Goldberg have come together so quickly to address this important issue for the public schools. He noted that the Federal Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988 already requires that MassDEP periodically ask schools to test for lead. This new initiative allows us to offer technical assistance, including sampling and testing the water. Technical assistance is a short term step, he said, which helps us figure out what to do in the long term. The initiative gives us the ability to work with schools needing help. He said that first, he wants to reach out to the schools. MassDEP will send a request for information in the next couple days and develop work plans to proactively address the situation.

Commissioner Suuberg requested a technical Amendment to the Motion. He explained that when MassDEP does testing they are also looking for copper at the same time, so the Motion should add "and copper" after "lead" to cover this. The Board members agreed to this Amendment

Treasurer Goldberg stated that this initiative is an example of proactive government efforts that takes children's health to heart. She added that this is a beginning. We may need future legislation to deal with any issues that are found.

Secretary Lepore thanked everyone for their leadership in this very important tool for cities and towns to address lead and copper in public schools' water.

**VOTE ON MOTION, AS AMENDED**

Having been duly moved and seconded, the Board **voted unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the Motion, as amended:

***Reserve Funds to Test Public School Water Samples for Lead and Copper***

To address the issue of lead and copper in drinking water in public schools, the Board of Trustees votes to reserve \$2,000,000 of moneys in its Administrative Expense Fund for the restricted use by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for an initiative to fund the testing of public schools water samples for lead and copper.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURN**: Seeing no other business, at 2:25 PM, the motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor.