

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the executive offices of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts in its large executive conference room. Under the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, signed into law by the Governor on March 29, 2023, further extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting law until March 31, 2025, this meeting was also conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Armino Goncalves and Commissioner Christopher Cook constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Berkeley, Dayib, Hoglund, Hunt, Gabrick, Rossi, J. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Petruzzello, Vitale, and Mes. Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph and Wallace of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were Special Counsel Luthin, Commission staff (online) and a member of the public J. Flechas.

Upon opening the meeting Mr. Vitale informed participants that the meeting was being held in person and virtually and that the Commission would be moving to meet in Executive Session at the start of the regular meeting.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Chairman Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, be, and they hereby are approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Director advised the Commissioners that it would be appropriate to go into Executive Session to discuss certain matters related to personnel and other issues. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss certain matters, related to personnel and other issues the Commission having determined that conducting such business in open meeting would not be in the best interest of the Commission; and further;

RESOLVED: That the Commission will reconvene in an open meeting session upon completion of the Executive Session; and further;

RESOLVED: To adjourn this open meeting at 10:01 A.M. and meet in Executive Session

Thereupon, at 10:50 A.M. the Commissioners reconvened the Open Meeting. Upon the re-opening of the meeting, Commissioner Woodall noted that the Commissioners received all regular meeting transmittals in advance of the meeting giving the Commissioners ample time to review.

I. Informational Reports

The Commission accepted the following informational reports:

1. Miscellaneous Disbursements (Schedules A, B, C & D) in the amount of \$464,482.09.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Commission accepted the following general management reports:

1. February 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. February 2025 Monthly Management Report.
3. February 2025 Revenue and Expense Analysis.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 20-206-001, for Professional Services for the Design of Water and Sewerage Works. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Cook and seconded by Commissioner Woodall and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 20-206-001, professional services for the design of water and sewerage works with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and approve additional funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a new contract value of \$1,462,947.86; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-308-003, Rehabilitation and Replacement of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in West Roxbury and Roslindale. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 22-308-003, rehabilitation and replacement of water, sewer and drain pipes to Niezgoda and Murray Excavation in an amount not to exceed \$5,152,311.80; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-309-003, Rehabilitation and Replacement of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 22-309-003, rehabilitation and replacement of water, sewer and drain pipes in Roxbury to C. Naughton Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$10,273,734.35; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to negotiate and execute Contract No. 24-206-005, Sewer and Drain Monitoring Program. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That Commission staff are authorized to negotiate Contract No. 24-206-005, sewer and drain monitoring program with Tetra Tech in an amount not to exceed \$1,982,170.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for Authorization to participate in a City of Boston Contract to Design Green Infrastructure Improvements at the Boston Nature Center in collaboration with Mass Audubon and the Charles River Watershed Association. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to participate in a City of Boston contract and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to design green infrastructure improvements at the Boston Nature Center in Mattapan, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 25-103-004, for the Purchase of Standard Fire Hydrants and Accessories. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Woodall and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 25-103-004, for the purchase of standard fire hydrants and accessories to Mueller Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,645.66; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 24-309-005, Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor-Phase II. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 24-309-005, rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor-Phase II with R. Zoppo Corp. and approve additional funds to extend the limits of work in the amount of \$4,244,538.00 for a new contract value of \$15,580,752.80; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for Maintenance and Technical Support. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract and award a contract to ESRI Inc. for licensing, maintenance and technical support for the Commission's geographical information systems for one year in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to negotiate and execute a Contract for Utility Network and Geospatial Support. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That Commission staff are authorized to negotiate a contract for utility network geospatial support with Geocove, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$84,500.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Proposal for A/V Upgrades for Conference Rooms. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise and solicit proposals for upgrades to audio and visual technology in Commission Conference Rooms.

5. Request for Authorization to Award a Contract for a Cybersecurity Training Program. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award a contract for a cybersecurity training program, to Slalom Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$149,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 11:11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H F Vitale".

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary