



***DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY***

***BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

***Governance Committee***

***May 27, 2009***

***MEETING MINUTES***

**Committee Members**

Keith Stone, Chairman  
David J Bardin  
Kathleen Boucher  
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**WASA Staff**

Jerry N. Johnson, General Manager  
Avis Marie Russell, General Counsel  
Linda R. Manley, Board Secretary

**Other Board Member**

Howard C. Gibbs, Alternate

Keith Stone, Chairman, called the Governance Committee (the Committee) to order at 9:06 a.m.

Chairman Stone turned the Committee's attention to Item # 2 on the Agenda, Update: Board of Directors' Strategic Plan Measures and Targets. The General Manager discussed the background of the Board's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan emphasizing the Board's desire to shorten the General Manager's Report and create a document that provides a "snapshot" of the organization. The General Manager introduced the Director of Performance Management and Process Improvement, Ranjit Thomas and Emery Robertson from IMG. Messrs. Thomas and Robertson gave a presentation to the Committee which included a recap of recent governance and strategic planning activities; a discussion of the four phases of the Performance Measures Project; a discussion of both enterprise measures and department level measures to be utilized for each Board objective set out in the Strategic Plan; the manner in which the enterprise measures would be presented to DCWASA personnel; and a review of next steps. The presentation drew questions and comments from the Committee which included the need to develop a method to capture other DCWASA goals not set out in the Strategic Plan and a process for capturing input from the other Board committees.

Chairman Stone then requested the Director of Governmental Relations, Gordon Fry, to address Item # 3 on the Agenda, Governmental Affairs Update. Mr. Fry reported that at WASA's request, Jim Graham, Chairman of the District of Columbia Council Committee on

Public Works and Transportation introduced the “Wastewater System Regulation Amendment Act of 2009” which is a requirement under WASA’s NPDES Permit. Mr. Fry further reported on an amendment to the “Fiscal Year 2010 Budget request Act of 2009” introduced by Councilmember Graham on May 12, 2009. The amendment, which was unanimously adopted by the Council, recommends that Congress not approve DCWASA’s recommended rate increases until it is able to provide evidence of the need for those increases. After inquiry by the Committee, the Committee was advised that a letter had been drafted to the Council addressing this amendment. Mr. Fry further reported that President Obama’s FY 2010 Budget request includes \$20 million dollars for DCWASA for the Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Fry noted that Senators Mukulski, Cardin and Warner are working to provide additional funds to DCWASA for nutrient reduction. Mr. Fry advised that DCWASA staff was monitoring the Water Facility Security Act as well as the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

Chairman Stone then turned to Item # 4 and polled the Committee members for any emerging issues; however, no issues were raised.

The Chairman commented on a follow-up item, parliamentary procedure training, noting that a training session for the Board is scheduled for September 3, 2009, following the Board meeting.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.