



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Governance Committee
July 22, 2010
11:00 a. m.*

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members

Alethia Nancoo, Chairperson
David Bardin
Kathleen Boucher
David Byrd
Anthony H. Griffin
Alan J. Roth
Paivi Spoon

WASA Staff

Christopher Carew, Chief of Staff
Avis M. Russell, General Counsel
Linda R. Manley, Board Secretary
Kim Turner, Director of Policy
and Government Relations

Board Members Attending

Joseph Cotruvo

Alethia Nancoo, Chairperson, called the Governance Committee (the Committee) to order at 11:50 a.m.

After the meeting was called to order, Committee member Alan Roth stated that he made several requests that when two meetings are scheduled for the same morning, that the second meeting be scheduled at 11:30 a.m. This would ensure that members would not arrive at a meeting's starting time only to be required to wait for the meeting to commence. Mr. Roth further stated that he wished this request to be reflected in the minutes and noted by the General Manager, the Board Secretary, the Chairman of the Board and all Board members. The Chairperson requested that all materials be included in Committee member packets so that the members would have sufficient time to review the material prior to a meeting.

The Chairperson requested the General Counsel to discuss Agenda Item # 2– Joint Use/ Non-Joint Use Matters. The General Counsel summarized the materials the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) had reviewed with regards to this topic that was set forth

in a memorandum to the Committee dated July 14, 2010 and she stated that no documentation could be found that shed any additional light on the matter. A discussion among the Committee members ensued. The observation was made that an earlier Board may have concluded that the issuance of bonds should be supported by all the jurisdictions represented on the Board. The General Counsel added that DC Water provided information to the rating agencies regarding the credit worthiness of all the jurisdictions represented on the Board.

The Chairperson then requested the General Counsel to address Agenda Item # 3 – Consideration of Moving Stormwater and Groundwater Matters from the Water Quality and Retail Services Committee to the Environmental Quality and Sewer Services Committee. The Committee members' discussion focused on stormwater and groundwater as District of Columbia only issues to be discussed in the Water Quality and Retail Services Committee and the efficiency of these matters being discussed in the Environmental Quality and Sewer Services Committee. The Committee concluded that a written justification for moving these matters from one committee to another should be prepared. The item was tabled until the September Committee meeting.

The Chairperson then turned the Committee's attention to Agenda Item # 4 - Government Affairs: Update. Christopher Carew, Chief of Staff, reiterated the General Manager's goals to elevate and expand the Policy and Government Relations Office. These goals included being proactive rather than reactive and considering items DC Water had not acted upon in the past, such as watersheds. The Chief of Staff introduced the Director of Policy and Government Relations, Kim Turner. Ms. Turner gave a presentation outlining (i) the manner in which the role of the office would be broadened, (ii) immediate action items being handled by the office and (iii) more long term items to be investigated and acted upon by the office. Ms. Turner also discussed how the office was to be expanded and the new positions to be filled. This prompted a discussion among the Committee members concerning the need for persons filling the new positions to be not only subject matter experts, but also advocates with advocacy experience. At 1:00 p.m. the Chairperson asked Committee member Roth to preside over the meeting as the Chairperson had to depart. Ms. Turner concluded her presentation reporting on the receipt of a special appropriation of \$1.2 million dollars for the Blue Plains Plant, the status of the dual legislative strategy, introduced in the Senate by Senator Cardin, and in the House by Congresswoman Norton, clarifying that the federal government is required to pay a reasonable fee for impervious service area drainage service and a meeting with Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, the Architect of the Capitol and the DC Water General Manager regarding the sale of clean, green, renewable energy credits.

The Presiding Chairperson, Mr. Roth, then turned to Agenda Item # 5 – Emerging Issues. The Committee members were polled and no new issues were advanced.

The Presiding Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p. m.