

MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY

FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX

OCTOBER 13, 2021

A Regular Telephonic (Zoom) Board meeting of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Present via audio or video conferencing were:

Directors:

Chairman Stein
Jim Hayden
Carl Fortuna, Jr.
Susan Weisselberg
Bert Hunter
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown
Ed Bailey (arrived 9:40)
Tom Swarr

Present from MIRA:

Tom Kirk, President
Mark Daley, Chief Financial Officer
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Peter Egan, Director of Operations and Environmental Affairs
Thomas Gaffey, Director of Recycling & Enforcement
Cheryl Kaminsky, Manager of Accounting and Financial Reporting
Dave Bodendorf, Senior Environmental Engineer
Roger Guzowski, Contract and Procurement Manager
Tina Mateo, Assistant Director of Budget & Cash Management

Others Present:

Ann Catino, Halloran & Sage

Chairman Stein called the meeting officially to order at 9:35 a.m. and said that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Stein said the agenda allowed for a public portion in which the Board would accept written testimony and allow individuals to speak for a limit of three minutes. As there were no members of the public who wished to address the Board, the meeting commenced.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

Chairman Stein requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Weisselberg and seconded by Director Hunter.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Director Hayden, Director Fortuna, Director Weisselberg, Director Hunter, Director Brown, and Ad Hoc Swarr voted yes.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Jim Hayden	X		
Carl Fortuna	X		
Susan Weisselberg	X		
Bert Hunter	X		
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown	X		
Ed Bailey			
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr	X		

2. Motion to Add an Item to the Agenda.

Chairman Stein requested a motion to add an item regarding a new Vice Chairman of the Board to the agenda. The motion was made by Director Hunter and seconded by Director Fortuna.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Director Hayden, Director Fortuna, Director Weisselberg, Director Hunter, Director Brown, Director Bailey, and Ad Hoc Swarr voted yes.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Jim Hayden	X		
Carl Fortuna	X		
Susan Weisselberg	X		
Bert Hunter	X		
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown	X		
Ed Bailey	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr	X		

3. Resolution Regarding Election of a New Vice Chairman

Chairman Stein nominated Director Hayden for MIRA's new Vice Chairman, and requested other nominations from Board members. Hearing none, the Chairman requested a motion regarding the election of Director Hayden. The motion was made by Director Fortuna and seconded by Director Hunter.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby elects Jim Hayden as Vice Chairman of the Board.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Director Fortuna, Director Weisselberg, Director Hunter, Director Brown, Director Bailey, and Ad Hoc Swarr voted yes; Director Hayden abstained.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Jim Hayden			X
Carl Fortuna	X		
Susan Weisselberg	X		
Bert Hunter	X		
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown	X		
Ed Bailey	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr	X		

4. Informational.

Chairman Stein and President Kirk discussed Board vacancies, MIRA's pressing need for new appointments, and efforts to date to urge appointing authorities to nominate suitable candidates.

President Kirk reported on an anticipated new Executive Order regarding vaccination and Covid testing, and the operational and financial status of the CSWS for the recent period.

5. Executive Session.

Chairman Stein requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending RFPs and Feasibility Estimates and Evaluations relative to prospective public supply contracts, including MIRA RFP's and prospective contracts for Connecticut Solid Waste System transfer facilities, transportation and disposal of acceptable solid waste at alternate disposal facilities and operation of MIRA's Jets and the potential impact of same upon MIRA operating and capital budgets and its Municipal Services Agreements.

Chairman Stein asked Mr. Kirk, Mr. Daley, Mr. Egan, Ms. Hunt, Mr. Gaffey, and Attorney Catino to participate in the discussion. The motion was made by Director Hunter, seconded by Director Weisselberg, and approved by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Vice Chairman Hayden, Director Fortuna, Director Weisselberg, Director Hunter, Director Brown, Director Bailey, and Ad Hoc Swarr voted yes.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Vice Chairman Hayden	X		
Carl Fortuna	X		
Susan Weisselberg	X		
Bert Hunter	X		
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown	X		
Ed Bailey	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr	X		

Executive Session began at 9:55 and ended at 11:30. Chairman Stein noted that no motions were made and no votes were taken in Executive Session, and adjourned the meeting.