

Water System Advisory Council Special Meeting  
October 19, 2021

Call to Order

Water System Advisory Council Special Meeting was held on October 19, 2021, through virtual setting utilizing Zoom Communications Software. It began at 5:30pm and was presided over by Sheryl Thompson, Water System Advisory Council Chair.

Attendees

Attendance: Benjamin Pauli, Sheryl Thompson, Nayyirah Shariff, Jamie Gaskin, Shawn McElmurry, Laura Sullivan, Nancy Love, Lawrence Reynolds, Wendy Braun

Member Location

Flint, MI: Sheryl Thompson, Nayyirah Shariff, Lawrence Reynolds, Benjamin Pauli, Wendy Vraughn

Fenton, MI: Jamie Gaskin

Royal Oak, MI: Shawn McElmurry,

Grand Blanc, MI: Laura Sullivan

Chicago, IL: Nancy Love

Members not in attendance

Gina Smith, Jaron Houston, E. Yvonne Lewis

Agenda

Meeting begins with a roll call of attendance.

WSAC Chair opens with the approval of the agenda for October 19. WSAC Member Jamie Gaskin motioned for the agenda to be approved. WSAC member Nancy Love supports. WSAC Chair holds a vote for minute and agenda approval. All WSAC members present unanimously approve the minutes.

Public comment section opens. Ms. Taylor opened for public comment and asked how the community can be involved in this entity and what are the goals for the council. WSAC Vice Chair responded by stating the council does plan to work with community on goals for the council. WSAC Chair agreed with these comments by stating that we want meetings to be open to the public and asked members that when speaking with residents to report to the council resident concerns. Public Health Manager Qiana Towns-Williams stated that the WSAC meetings are made available to the public and are posted 24 hours in advance by the City of Flint. These postings are made on the website and throughout City Hall. WSAC Vice-Chair discussed the proposal to have WSAC recording accessible on other platforms.

WSAC Chair transitioned the meeting to discussing the secondary line updates. DPW Director Mike Brown provided an update to the WSAC. WSAC members asked about water main break procedures and how communication is provided within the council and community.

Mike Allard from MDHHS presented updates to the WSAC about their water testing program. New WSAC members asked the purpose of the program and if they could be provided the information about plans moving forward. MDHHS reviewed which variables are being tested within samples and provided updates about how they are notifying residents and members of the council. Qiana Towns-Williams described the Public Health Navigators role in assisting residents with samples and water quality concerns. Mike Brown echoed this process and explained the process that the City of Flint completes when an abnormal reading is acquired from a resident sample within the MDHHS program.

WSAC Vice Chair provided an update to members about the status of Bylaws for the council. Drafts are being completed and the committee has been able to look to other councils to create Bylaws for the organization. The goal of the committee is to present by laws at the next WSAC meeting on November 16, 2021.

WSAC Chair and Vice Chair opened the discussion on how the council can provide updates to all members and ensure meetings are helpful to the community. WSAC Vice Chair reiterated possible goals of the council that have been discussed and invited new members to begin thinking of long-term ideas for the council. The WSAC now has an official email address to report concerns and questions. This email address is [wsac@cityofflint.com](mailto:wsac@cityofflint.com). DPW Director Mike Brown provided emergency numbers and emails to members and residents to report concerns.

WSAC Chair stated the goals that need to be accomplished before next meeting and delegated tasks. The next WSAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 5:30 pm. WSAC member Nancy Love motioned to adjourn. WSAC Shawn McElmurry seconded the motion. WSAC Chair asked all members to affirm their approval. All members unanimously supported the motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 pm

Minutes Submitted by: Maeko McGovern

Minutes Approved by: E. Yvonne Lewis