

As voted by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the notice of the meeting, the monthly Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District was held in the Nixon Training Center at the general offices of the District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine, on Monday, May 12, 2025. In attendance from staff were C. Crovo, D. Kane, S. Firmin, J. Wallace, M. Clements and D. Katsiaficas. In attendance from the public were Allison Pesce, and Matt Dube from BerryDunn.

Trustee G. Libby was absent.

President Lunt convened the workshop meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**1. 2025 Auditor's Report**

Ms. Allison Pesce, Senior Manager from BerryDunn, provided the auditors' comments. The auditors issued a clean opinion. No deficiencies were noted. Management was well prepared for the audit. The board had no questions.

The President thanked the staff for their efforts.

**2. Other Business**

- A. Scott Firmin gave an update regarding the EPA region one administrator's visit to Portland and the DEP commissioner's visit.

Scott recognized Paul Hunt as doing a lot in preparation for the visit.

Mark Sanborn is the regional administrator. People from the state drinking water program, DEP staff, PWD wastewater staff, and Amanda Pratt from Paul's staff attended.

Discussions included PFAS and opportunities to manage biosolids, PWD's drinking water quality, and wastewater testing. Regional approaches for handling PFAS and the issue of removing nitrogen from wastewater discharges were also of interest.

Amanda Pratt noted that the federal government (RCPP) has withheld grants for conservation efforts. Mr. Sanborn said he would look into this.

Concerning the 319 program, he said there is a process in place for the federal budget process, and it should be utilized.

Mr. Sanborn was given a tour of the East End facility.

A meeting among DEP, EPA, and PWD should occur in five weeks to discuss PFAS and nitrogen removal and permitting for the East End Plant.

- B. Vice President Fred McCann provided an update on the GM search. The candidate is reviewing the contract. Once settled, employees will be advised of the selection, which will be on the Board's business agenda.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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