Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Fairfax Water Board (FWB)

June 2, 2026

BOS Members present:

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor James N. Bierman, Jr., Dranesville District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Andres F. Jimenez, Mason District
- Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Franconia District
- Supervisor Dalia Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Braddock District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

FWB Members present:

- Philip W. Allin, Chairman, Sully District
- J. Alan Roberson, Treasurer, Braddock District
- Richard Dotson, Providence District
- Burton J. Rubin, Springfield District
- Anthony H. Griffin, At-Large Member
- Joseph Cammarata, Secretary, Mount Vernon District
- Nancy Colleton, Hunter Mill District
- Harry F. Day, Mason District

Others present:

- Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
- Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney
- Jennifer Miller, Deputy County Executive
- Chris Herrington, Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
- Joe LaHait, Deputy Director, Department of Management and Budget
- Dottie Steele, Chief Deputy Clerk, Office of the Clerk for the Board of Supervisors
- Jamie Bain Hedges, General Manager, Fairfax Water (FW)
- Scott Dewhirst, Deputy General Manager, Engineering and Technology, FW
- Douglas K. Grimes, Acting Deputy General Manager, Operations, FW
- Traci K. Goldberg, Director, Transmission and Distribution Division, Director, FW
- Kimberly Oates, Director, Finance Division, FW
- Bao Nguyen, Director, Technology Division, FW
- Gregory J. Prelewicz, Director, Planning and Water Resources Division, FW
- Erica Brown, Director, Administration Division, FW
- Robert C. Cotten IV, Director, Engineering and Construction Division, FW
- Jessica Love, Executive Administrative Coordinator and Clerk to the Board, FW

The joint meeting was held in the Government Center, Conference Room 11. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio.

Chairman McKay presided over the meeting and called it to order at 11:06 a.m.

Chairman McKay congratulated Jamie Bain Hedges, General Manager, FW, on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her years of service to the community.

Chairman Allin provided an outline of the agenda. Following a brief video presentation, he introduced the FWB Members and staff.

Presentation by FW

Ms. Hedges introduced the FW staff and gave a PowerPoint slide presentation regarding:

- An overview of FW's vision, mission, and values
- Service area and FW supply, treatment, transmission, and distribution
- FW Capital Improvement Program and recent and planned capital investments
- Distribution system sustainability
- FW rates and finances
- Customer education and outreach
- Water Supply Stakeholder Grant Program
- Regulatory compliance update – Water quality, lead and copper rule compliance, FW PFAS Plan, compliance timeline and criteria, Occoquan Watershed PFAS monitoring, PFAS treatment evaluation, PFAS research, and regulatory wrap-up
- Water supply concern, challenges, and opportunities – existing supply overview, current water supply status, water supply planning
- DC water initiatives and potential impacts on water supply - Regional treatment facilities and supplemental storage, Metro area backup water supply study
- Source to system – alternatives under construction
- Impacts of wastewater effluent on the Occoquan Reservoir Supply
- Diversion of Upper Occoquan Service Authority effluent from Occoquan
- Northern Virginia Regional Water Supply Plan
- Climate impacts on source water quality and protection and water supply resiliency

- DC water efforts to acquire Washington Aqueduct
- The “Pure Water DC” Initiative
- Key takeaways and FW’s commitment

Chairman McKay thanked the FWB for its diligence, work, and partnership with the County.

Discussion ensued, with input from Ms. Hedges and Mr. Kingsbury, regarding:

- Nationwide effort to address rising costs and federal government regulations
- Increased effort to secure more additional funding and pilot programs
- Industry initiatives and strategies
- Water quality and quantity
- Obstacles associated with DC Water
- Drought emergency messages and sharing it with the community
- FW being the lowest rate provider in the area
- PFAS removal in the drinking water
- Stewardship of the Occoquan River
- Role and State regulations of data centers and upstream water supply
- Removal of lead and other toxins from the drinking water
- Use contamination devices for residential water
- Environmental Protection Agency regulations and deadlines for PFAS
- Appreciation for the Board and FW partnership now and in the future
- Norman Cole Treatment Plant and regulatory barriers
- Legislative Package including water challenges
- FW resolution, Board’s 1978 actions, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and future approval requested on current resolution
- Ability to modernize older data centers and providing tax credits and other incentives

- County cost for toxin removal and innovations currently available to be used

Chairman McKay and Mr. Allin gave closing remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Meeting materials:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-joint-meeting-fairfax-water-board-june-2-2026

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/Assets/documents/Agenda_260602-Joint-Mtg-BOS-Final.pdf

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