



**FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (WSAC) MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 1:00PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS – COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**31555 W 11 MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336**  
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**Approved on 10/17/23**

**SUMMARY:**

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Drautz at 12:59 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Members Present:
  - I. Tony Drautz, Chairperson - Oakland County Health Division
  - II. Katie Kennedy, Vice Chairperson - WRC Water Systems Engineering
  - III. Mike Pucher, Secretary - Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development and Farmington Hills Resident
  - IV. Tammy Gushard, Farmington Hills Engineering
- Members Absent:
  - Erin Quetell, Farmington Hills Resident
- Attendees:
  - Teresa Newman, WRC Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Gushard to approve the agenda as published. Support by Pucher.
  1. Ayes: 4
  2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
  3. Motion Carried

4. Approval of October 18, 2022 Minutes

- Motion by Gushard to approve the minutes as distributed. Support by Pucher.
  1. Ayes: 4
  2. Nays and Abstentions: 0

### 3. Motion Carried

#### 5. Public Comment - No public in attendance.

#### 6. Unfinished Business

- Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) – Survey Results
  - Katie provided information related to the SDWAC survey findings. EGLE is hosting two webinars to review the findings on 4/20/23 at 10 a.m. and 4/26/23 at 9 a.m.
  - Katie will forward the webinar invitations to the WSAC members once received.
- WRC has revised the standard operating procedure for Lead and Copper sampling to include notification *by phone* (in addition to notification by mail) to all residents with lead results above not detected. Educational information will be provided to any residents with lead results above not detected. All residents who participate in the lead and copper sampling program will continue to be mailed their results along with pertinent health information and instructions for maintaining quality drinking water in their homes.

#### 7. New Business

- SDWAC Update
  - In 2025, the lead action level will be lowered from 15ppb to 12ppb.
  - All water systems must provide the state with an inventory of service line materials by January 1, 2025. Farmington Hills has no known lead service lines. A physical survey will be done at a listing of randomly chosen addresses to physically view pipe materials in 3 locations (public side of stop box, private side of stop box, piping inside the home).
  - EGLE formula to determine the number of surveys to be performed in each community:

Number of "Unknown" Service Lines*	Number to Physically Verify
Fewer than 1,500	20% of "unknown" lines
1,500	306
1,600	310
1,700	314
1,800	317
1,900	320
2,000	322
2,200	327
2,400	331
2,600	335
2,800	338
3,000	341
3,500	346
4,000	351
4,500	354
5,000	357
6,000	361
7,000	364
8,000	367
9,000	368
10,000	370
15,000	375
20,000	377
30,000	379
40,000	381
60,000	382
90,000	383
225,000 or more	384

- EGLE is in the process of creating a new webpage to provide drinking water information for residents and water systems at [www.Michigan.gov/knowyourwater](http://www.Michigan.gov/knowyourwater).
- Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness
  - The following additional methods to provide water quality information to residents were discussed:
    1. Posting videos and articles on the City’s website.
    2. Creating hands-on displays for the booth at the annual City Open House. Katie brought a display with different pipe materials and handouts. The handouts show older model faucets with removable aerators. The group decided that it may be a good idea to understand where current model faucet aerators are located. Mike Pucher will research and discuss with the plumbers in his department.
    3. Introduce service line identification in elementary schools or summer programs. It was suggested that the place to start would be to develop a decision tree to show students how to identify the service line material.
    4. Action item: Tammy and Katie will seek out information to share that may be available from AWWA, EGLE, or GLWA.
- Election of Officers
  - The WSAC Bylaws identifies the election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve a

one-year term. Each year, the officers shall be chosen by a vote of the WSAC members within 30-days of the Farmington Hills City Council appointments for Commissions and Councils. Officers cannot serve more than two successive years in one position. WSAC members are appointed or re-appointed by Farmington Hills City Council for a term of 3 years.

- The reappointment terms are staggered:
  1. Katie Kennedy term expires on 2/1/2026.
  2. Tammy Gushard and Mike Pucher terms expire on 2/1/2025.
  3. Tony Drautz and Erin Quetell terms expire on 2/1/2024.
- 2023 Election of Officers
  1. Chairperson Drautz opened discussion for election of officers.
  2. Motion by Gushard to elect Katie Kennedy as Chairperson and seconded by Drautz.
    - a. Ayes: 4
    - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
    - c. Motion carried.
  3. Motion by Kennedy to elect Mike Pucher as Vice Chairperson and seconded by Gushard.
    - a. Ayes: 4
    - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
    - c. Motion carried.
  4. Motion by Kennedy to elect Tammy Gushard as Secretary seconded by Pucher.
    - a. Ayes: 4
    - b. Nays and Abstentions: 0
    - c. Motion carried.

#### 8. Next Steps

- Mike will research faucets to understand where (or if) aerators are located on new faucets.
- Tammy and Katie will seek out water quality information that may be available from AWWA, EGLE, or GLWA.
- Next meeting will be held on October 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall.

9. Meeting Adjournment – Chairperson Kennedy called for the meeting to be adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

- Motion by Gushard and seconded by Pucher.
  - Ayes: 4
  - Nays and Abstentions: 0
  - Motion Carried