



Michigan Municipal Services Authority

**AUTHORITY BOARD**

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Capitol View Building  
Constitution Room – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
201 Townsend Street  
Lansing, MI 48933

**MINUTES**

Proposed Minutes       Approved Minutes

MEETING TYPE:     Regular     Special

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Chairperson.

**II. Roll Call**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kelli Scott, Chairperson	X	
Dominick Pallone, Vice-Chairperson	X	
Eric DeLong, Treasurer	X	
James Cambridge, Secretary*	X	
Doug Smith, Member	X	
Phil Bertolini*	X	
Jeff Dood		X
Brian Meakin*	X	
Jessica Moy	X	

Other attendees:

- Kristen Delaney, Michigan Municipal Services Authority\*
- Steven Liedel, Dykema

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Pallone  
Supported by: Smith

Yes: X      No:   

**IV. Approval of Minutes** from March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Authority Board as amended.

Smith noted that he should be marked as present.

Moved by: Smith  
Supported by: Pallone

Yes: X      No:   

**V. Administrative Report**

In lieu of an administrative report, Chairperson Scott reviewed the documents included in the agenda packet.

**VI. Audit Reports**

None.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Strategic Planning Discussion**

Moy gave an overview of her experience with the MMSA. She stated that she believes in the concept of the organization and would like to see a renewed focus on providing services, especially to small and mid-sized communities.

Bertolini stated that he doesn't think Authority Board members have been utilized as much as they could be. He would like to be more involved, but increased communication and including the Board in the decision-making process is crucial. He agrees with Moy that the focus should be on small and mid-sized communities and said that the MMSA needs to get some "wins" under their belt.

Meakin agreed with what those who spoke before him. He stated that he has been on the board since day one and reiterated that the focus was always supposed to be about providing services to struggling communities.

Cambridge stated that he would feel better if the Authority had a commitment or some assurance from the Governor's office. Liedel stated that a program or solution to present would go a long way to garnering support.

Pallone went over his background in healthcare. He was very interested in the idea of healthcare pooling, but the program just hasn't gained traction for a variety of reasons. He thinks that the demand for local governments is in healthcare but he isn't sure at this point what service the Authority can provide to address that need.

DeLong stated that he has also been involved since the beginning of the MMSA. He still believes in the mission and the promise of the organization but implementing programs has proven to be more difficult than he had imagined. He stated that finding a CEO is key. He agreed with Bertolini that all committee and board members need to be engaged. DeLong stated that the people in this organization have a lot to offer. He went on to say that making connections with the governor's policy staff is important, as they could help find more ways for the MMSA to assist local governments and other organizations.

Smith said that from his perspective, the MMSA is trying to create something that local governments are not going to buy. He reviewed the program development document with his staff and noted that most of these programs could be purchased from other sources. He thinks that the MMSA's role should be to encourage and assist collaboration but doesn't see how the organization will get paid to do that by client communities.

Scott discussed the future of the FMS program and asked about future revenues. DeLong stated that the program is in transition right now and there is a role for the Authority to play in this process, particularly with legal assistance.

Cambridge listed action items that he would like to see the Board work on in the next 30 days:

- 1) Make contact with Governor's office and policy makers
- 2) Determine whether there will be a viable revenue sources after 1 year.
- 3) Determine leadership moving forward. Leave position vacant, advertise and hire or contract?

DeLong added:

- 4) FMS transition

#### **b. Continuity of Services to the LCSA**

The Board discussed the obligation to fulfill duties for the LCSA.

A motion was made to authorize the Assistant to the CEO to prepare a continuity of service plan to be presented to the LCSA by the Chairperson.

Moved by: DeLong  
Supported by: Pallone

Yes: X      No:   

DeLong and Liedel left the meeting at 2:50 pm.

**Public Comment**

None.

**I. Other Business**

None.

**II. Adjournment**

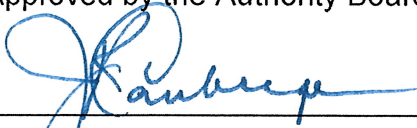
Moved by: Pallone  
Supported by: Smith

Yes: X      No:   

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

**Certification of Minutes**

Approved by the Authority Board on November 14, 2019.

  
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Authority Secretary

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