



# Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

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## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

RMLD Citizens Advisory Board

Date: 2023-10-25

Time: 6:00 PM

Building: North Reading Town Hall

Location: Room 14

Address: 235 North St, North Reading

Agenda:

Purpose: General Business

Meeting Called By: Vivek Soni, Chair

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## Topics of Discussion:

ON MARCH 29, 2023, GOVERNOR HEALEY SIGNED INTO LAW A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXTENDS THE TEMPORARY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN MEETING LAW TO MARCH 31, 2025.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON, REMOTELY, AND STREAMED LIVE ON RCTV AND YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCTVStudios/videos?view=57>.**

### FOR REMOTE AND/OR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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### JOINT MEETING OF THE RMLD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD.

1. Call Meeting to Order – P. Pacino, Chair (Board of Commissioners) and V. Soni, Chair (Citizens' Advisory Board).

**Code of Conduct:** The RMLD Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of hearing public comment, at the discretion of the Chair, on items on the official agenda. Once recognized by the Chair, all persons addressing the Board shall state their name and address prior to speaking. It is the role of the Chair to maintain order in all public comment or ensuing discussion.

2. Public Comment - P. Pacino, Chair
3. Report on the Citizens' Advisory Board meeting – M. Bitá, Commissioner

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4. Approval of Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes (*attachment 1*) – P. Pacino, Chair  
**Suggested Motion:** Move that the RMLD Board of Commissioners approve the open session minutes of the June 15, 2023, and July 18, 2023, meetings on the recommendation of the General Manager and the Board Secretary.
5. Approval of Citizens' Advisory Board Minutes (*attachment 2*)- V. Soni, Chair  
**Suggested Motion:** Move that the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board approve the open session meeting minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting on the recommendation of the General Manager and the Citizens' Advisory Board Secretary.
6. Carbon Captured Fuel Cell (*attachment 3*)- G. Phipps, General Manager & M. McNeley, Bloom Energy & J. Garfinkle
7. Rates Presentation (*attachment 4*) – B. Bullock, Director of Integrated Resources

**CAB Suggested Motion:** Move that the Citizens' Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager's recommendation to replace the following MDPU rates effective for billings on or after March 1, 2024:

- Replace 301 Residential Schedule A with 309
- Replace 302 Residential Time of Use Schedule A2 with 310
- Replace 303 Commercial Schedule C with 311
- Replace 304 Industrial Time of Use Schedule I with 312
- Replace 305 School Schedule SCH with 313

**BoC Suggested Motion:** Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens' Advisory Board, vote to accept the General Manager's recommendation to replace the following MDPU rates effective for billings on or after March 1, 2024:

- Replace 301 Residential Schedule A with 309
- Replace 302 Residential Time of Use Schedule A2 with 310
- Replace 303 Commercial Schedule C with 311
- Replace 304 Industrial Time of Use Schedule I with 312
- Replace 305 School Schedule SCH with 313

8. 2024 Budget Presentation (*attachment 5*) – B. Bloomenthal, Director of Finance & Accounting

Capital Budget:

**CAB Suggested Motion:** Move that the Citizens' Advisory Board recommend to the RMLD Board of Commissioners approve the Calendar Year 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$31,085,000, as presented.

**BoC Suggested Motion:** Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens' Advisory Board, approve the Calendar Year 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$31,085,000, as presented.



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Operating Budget:

**CAB Suggested Motion:** Move that the Citizens’ Advisory Board recommend to the RMLD Board of Commissioners to approve the Calendar Year 2024 Operating Budget with a Net Income of \$ 9,449,883 as presented.

**BoC Suggested Motion:** Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens’ Advisory Board, approve the Calendar Year 2024 Operating Budget with a Net Income of \$ 9,449,883 as presented.

### 9. Scheduling

#### Subsequent CAB Meetings

Date	Time	Location	BoC Coverage
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	5:30 PM	RMLD AV Room	Talbot
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	5:30 PM	RMLD AV Room	Daskalakis

#### Subsequent BoC Meetings

Date	Time	Location	CAB Coverage
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	7:00 PM	RMLD AV Room	Small
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	7:00 PM	RMLD AV Room	Kelley

#### BoC Warrant Schedule

	AP	PAYROLL	Board Member Covering CAB
October	Daskalakis	Talbot	Pacino
November	Coulter	Daskalakis	Talbot
December	Talbot	Bitá	Daskalakis

#### Future MEAM meetings

Wednesday November 15, 2023 (Open)

### 10. Adjournment – Citizens’ Advisory Board – V. Soni, Chair

**Suggested Motion:** Move that the RMLD Citizens’ Advisory Board adjourn regular session. Note: Roll call vote required.

### 11. Policy Review (*attachment 6*) - G. Phipps, General Manager

Policy 25: Anonymous Communications

**Suggested Motion:** Move that the RMLD Board of Commissioners dissolve Policy 25: Anonymous Communications, on the recommendation of the General Manager.

### 12. RMLD Procurement Requests for Board Approval (*attachment 7*) - G. Phipps, General Manager

IFP 2023-01 MDMS and Customer Portal IFP

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**Suggested Motion:** Move that IFP 2023-01 for a Meter Data Management System (MDMS) and Customer Portal be awarded to: Professional Computer Systems, LLC (PCS) for an amount not to exceed \$360,000, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164 § 56D, on the recommendation of the General Manager.

13. Adjournment – Board of Commissioners – P. Pacino, Chair

**Suggested Motion:** Move that the Board of Commissioners adjourn regular session.

Note: Roll call vote required.

### **BOARD MATERIALS AVAILABLE BUT NOT DISCUSSED**

Accounts Payable / Payroll Questions through October 16, 2023

Surplus and Scrap Material Report September 2023

Financials: Preliminary July 2023/August 2023