



FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (WSAC) MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 1:00PM

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS – COMMUNITY ROOM

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APPROVED 02/03/2026

SUMMARY:

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gushard at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Members Present:

- Kate DiCea, WRC Water Systems Engineering
- Tony Drautz, Vice Chairperson - Oakland County Health Division
- Tammy Gushard, Chairperson - Farmington Hills Public Services
- Katie Kennedy, WRC Water Systems Engineering

- Members Absent:

- Debby Brauer, Farmington Hills Resident
- Joseph Del Morone – Secretary, Oakland County Neighborhood and Housing Development

- Attendees:

- Jacob Rushlow, Farmington Hills Director of Public Services
- Teresa Newman, WRC Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by DiCea to approve the agenda as published. Support by Drautz.

1. Ayes: 4
2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
3. Motion Carried

4. Approval of February 4, 2025 Minutes

- Motion by Drautz to approve the minutes as distributed. Support by DiCea.
 1. Ayes: 4
 2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 3. Motion Carried

5. Public Comment –

- No public in attendance.

6. New Business

- State Drinking Water System Advisory Council (SDWAC) Update
 - SDWAC is working on sending another survey with revised questions to understand whether WSACs are making a difference and understand expectations. They are looking for local WSACs to present in the future. All local councils will be asked to present their process and best practices at some point in time.
 - The EGLE lead and copper unit is working on a best practices document with guidelines for local WSACs.
- Farmington Hills Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling – 2025
 - Sampling is currently required every summer annually in Farmington Hills.
 - 30 samples are required in Farmington Hills (31 were samples were submitted). The lead results ranged from non-detect to 7.3 ppb. The copper results were 5.9 to 78 ppb. Results were well below the EPA limits for lead (12.0 ppb) and copper (1300 ppb).
 - WRC submitted the Lead and Copper Report to EGLE for certification.
- Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness
 - Tammy provided information about the FH City Wide Open House on October 4th.
 1. Tammy and Kate planned and managed the booth again this year.
 2. Items passed out this year were color changing cups, Capt. Splash sticker and tattoos (with a QR code to the WRC water quality webpage), aerator gripper, and postcards with a QR code that directs to the WRC water quality webpage.
 3. Ideas for next year:
 - a. It was noted that the bags from last year were definitely a bigger draw.
 - b. Reusable curly straws with Capt. Splash.
 - c. Color changing spoon.
 - d. Sno-cone machine.
 - Public Education and Awareness

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1. The plan is to share information for adults by attending a Council of Homeowner Associations (COHA) meeting to share water quality documents and do a Q&A session.
2. Participate in a summer STEM program to reach older kids.

7. Terms of Officers

- Reappointments and terms
 - 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, the terms expire as follows:
 1. Kate DiCea term expires on 2/1/2026.
 2. Tony Drautz term expires on 2/1/2027.
 3. Tammy Gushard term expires on 2/1/2028.
 4. Joe Del Morone term expires on 2/1/2028.
 5. Debby Brauer term expires on 2/1/2028.
 6. Katie Kennedy term expires on 2/1/2028.

8. Establish 2026 Meeting Dates:

- February 3, 2026
- October 13, 2026

9. Next Steps and Action Items:

- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall

10. Meeting Adjournment – Chairperson Gushard called for meeting adjournment at 1:34 p.m.

- Motion by Drautz and seconded by DiCea.
 - Ayes: 4
 - Nays and Abstentions: 0
 - Motion Carried