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Next Executive Director Appointed

The Board of Commissioners has appointed Joshua D. Schimmel as Executive Director of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, effective upon the retirement of current Executive Director Katherine J. Pedersen in February 2016. The appointment follows a comprehensive selection process that began in September.

“We are excited to announce Josh’s appointment and look forward to working closely with him as the Commission’s next Executive Director,” said Daniel Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board. “Josh’s leadership skills, industry knowledge, and commitment to the community have and will continue to be vital in providing high quality and reliable services to the residents of Springfield and surrounding communities.”

Mr. Schimmel has been with the Commission and the City of Springfield for over 22 years, most recently as the Commission’s Director of Wastewater Operations since 2009. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts and maintains a Grade 4 Wastewater Treatment Operator License and a Grade 4 Wastewater Collection System License in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Schimmel currently serves on the Board of Directors for the MA Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship and is active in professional organizations including the Water Environment Federation (WEF), New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA), American Public Works Association (APWA), and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).



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“I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Springfield and the neighboring communities as the Commission’s next Executive Director,” said Mr. Schimmel.

“Safe, reliable drinking water, fire protection, and wastewater services are critical to the public health and safety of this community and I am committed to working diligently to provide a high level of service to our residents.”

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