

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019  
4:30 P.M.

Location

Board Room  
District Headquarters  
555 Main Street  
Hartford

Commissioners

Avedisian	Ionno
Buell	Magnan
DiBella (Ex Officio)	Marotta (VC)
Gardow	Taylor
Holloway	

Quorum: 5

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1. CALL TO ORDER
  2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
  3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2018
  4. CONSIDERATION OF AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS
  5. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
  6. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 7, 2019

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and SJB Strategies, LLC have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain the necessary level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and SJB Strategies, LLC for the 2019 legislative session. In addition, staff recommends the appointment of new lobbying firm, Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC lead by Janice T. Flemming-Butler, to also represent the District during the upcoming session of the State general assembly, and to provide additional services in the area of government relations as may be necessary during the one year term of their respective contract. The term of these appointments would be from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends that the annual fees for Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. remain at \$40,000 SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000 and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$50,000, for a total of \$110,000.00. Payments would be prorated over a 12-month period, commencing January 2019.

It is therefore recommended that it be:

**Voted:** That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2019. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will remain at \$40,000, SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$50,000.00, for a total of \$110,000.00, to be prorated over a twelve-month period, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer