

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
The Metropolitan District  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Monday, December 8, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Allen Hoffman; Citizen Members Awet Tsegai, Edwin Vargas and District Chairman Donald Currey (5)

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Pasquale Salemi; Citizen Member Linda Russo (2)

**ABSENT:** Citizen Members Linda King-Corbin and Drew Iacovazzi (2)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner John Avedisian  
Commissioner William DiBella  
Commissioner Dominic Pane  
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Byron Lester (Remote Attendance)  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel (Remote Attendance)  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jonathan Perugini, Director of Finance / Chief Financial Officer  
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Kim Cummings, Financial Analyst  
Shereese Rodgers, Assistant Manager of Budget and Analysis  
JP Avenoso, Accounting Administrator  
Retina Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant  
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Matt McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli spoke regarding Riverfront Recapture funding, and raised interest in taking some of the funding currently set for Riverfront Recapture, and instead shift it to Generation Power CT. She also stated that it would be logical to move Riverfront Recapture funding to ad valorem.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

***On motion made by Citizen Member Russo and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of November 17, 2025 were approved.***

***At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on November 17, 2025, the agenda item related to “Riverfront Recapture Funding” was tabled. Commissioner Salemi made a motion to remove “Riverfront Recapture Funding” from the table. The motion to remove the table was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of those present.***

**RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE FUNDING**

Be it Hereby Resolved:

That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board that an Agreement describing the MDC's authority to expend District Funds generated through the sale of water (the water rate) to fund the operations of Riverfront Recapture, Inc. a 501C-3 corporation and the direction of the District Board with respect to the funding if any be developed and approved by the District Board and that the agreement when approved be executed by the MDC Chairman and CEO along with Riverfront Recapture. Agreement shall set out the terms and schedule of any payments etc.;

and Further Resolved:

That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board that \$600,000 of the \$1,200,000 funding for Riverfront Recapture in the 2026 proposed budget (page C-208) be allocated to the sewer ad valorem tax.

***On motion made by Commissioner Salemi and duly seconded, the resolution failed by majority vote of those present. Commissioner Salemi voted in favor; Commissioners Adil, Currey, Hoffman and Citizen Members Russo, Tsegai and Vargas voted no.***

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Zaleski of Riverfront Recapture thanked the MDC for their continued support.

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Salemi thanked Commissioner Hoffman for being the long-term Vice Chairperson of Board of Finance, and for working together to support the District Board. He stated they worked together for many years with no issues and thanked him for his ability to identify items of interest for the Board of Finance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval