

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
The Metropolitan District  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Monday, March 12, 2018**

**Present:** Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell, Daniel Camilliere, David Ionno, Maureen Magnan, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor, Richard W. Vicino and William A. DiBella (8)

**Absent:** Commissioners Mary Anne Charron and Jean Holloway (2)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner John Avedisian  
Commissioner Allen Hoffman  
Commissioner Gary LeBeau  
Commissioner Alphonse Marotta  
Commissioner Domenic M. Pane  
Commissioner Bhupen Patel  
Citizen Member Ron Angelo  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services  
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Robert Constable, Director of Finance  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Robert Zaik, Director of Human Resources  
Julie McLaughlin, Special Services Administrator  
Nick Salemi, Special Services Administrator  
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer  
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant  
David Silverstone, Consumer Advocate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone called the meeting to order at 3:47 PM.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Camilliere placed Commissioner Maureen Magnan’s name in nomination. The nomination was seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Maureen Magnan was elected Chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee for 2018 and 2019. Chairperson Maureen Magnan assumed the Chair and thanked the Community Affairs Committee.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Chairperson Magnan called for the election of the Vice Chairman. Commissioner Taylor placed Commissioner Raymond Sweezy’s name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Raymond Sweezy was elected Vice Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee for 2018 and 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 5, 2016 and February 6, 2017 were approved. Commissioners Magnan and Taylor abstained.*

**UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD JAMES RANDAZZO '83 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

To: Community Affairs Committee for consideration on March 12, 2018

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be:

VOTED: That the Community Affairs Committee recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District (“Board”) hereby authorizes the University of Hartford to transfer the existing non-endowed funds from the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Scholarship (Fund Number 201570) to an endowed scholarship fund. The MDC Scholarship was established in 1993 and awarded when the College

of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture (CETA) was Ward College of Technology. The scholarship was designated for engineering students pursuing their Associates Degrees. Because CETA no longer offers Associate Degrees, the funds have not been awarded since 1999/2000. The existing fund balance is \$100,297.14.

**Be it further resolved**, that the fund's distributions, in the amount of approximately \$4,000.00 annually, will be used to provide scholarship assistance in honor of MDC Manager of Water Treatment and Supply James Randazzo (UHART '83) to incoming students in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture, and hereafter be named the JAMES RANDAZZO '83 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP. In addition, first preference for the Fund will be given to a student from a Metropolitan District Commission member town with a declared concentration in an engineering degree program and second preference will be given to non-member towns served by the Metropolitan District. If there is no suitable candidate from a member or non-member town in a given year, the scholarship will not be awarded until a subsequent year to a suitable candidate that meets the scholarship criteria.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute a "Use Agreement" with the University of Hartford that includes selection procedures, terms of award and funding and distribution policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

***On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the resolution was amended as reflected above.***

***On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted, as amended, by unanimous vote of those present.***

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date Approved