

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, April 30, 2018

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, Clifford Avery Buell, Luis Caban, Daniel Camilliere, Donald M. Currey, William A. DiBella, Peter Gardow, Denise Hall, Allen Hoffman, David Ionno, Kathleen J. Kowalyszyn, Gary LeBeau, Whit Osgood, Domenic M. Pane, Bhupen Patel, and Alvin Taylor (16)

Absent: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Mary Anne Charron, Timothy J. Fitzgerald, Matthew B. Galligan, James Healy, Jean Holloway, Sandra Johnson, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Pasquale J. Salemi, Michael Solomonides, Raymond Sweezy, Richard W. Vicino and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (15)

Also

Present: Citizen Member Ronald Angelo
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Director of Operations
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Nick Salemi, Special Services Administrator
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant
David Silverstone, Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiBella at 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone called the roll and informed Chairman DiBella that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Camilliere entered the meeting at 5:38PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Independent Consumer Advocate David Silverstone spoke in favor of the State Water Plan despite insertion of the public trust language.

Valerie Rossetti of Bloomfield spoke in favor of the State Water Plan and the insertion of the public trust language.

Tollie Miller of Bloomfield spoke in favor of the State Water Plan and the insertion of the public trust language.

Margaret Miner of Rivers Alliance spoke in favor of the State Water Plan and the insertion of the public trust language.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of April 2, 2018 were approved.

DISCUSSION RE: STATE WATER PLAN

District Counsel R. Bartley Halloran briefed the District Board on the State Water Plan and the District Board held a discussion.

Commissioner Patel made a motion to direct District staff and counsel to seek removal of the public trust language that was inserted into the State Water Plan late in the process; or alternatively for District staff and counsel to also consider amended language that would adequately resolve the issue of insertion of the “public trust” doctrine into the State Water Plan.

On motion made by Commissioner Patel and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by majority vote of those present. Commissioner Ionno opposed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valerie Rossetti of Bloomfield spoke regarding public comments at meetings regarding the State Water Plan.

Margaret Miner of Rivers Alliance spoke regarding the state water planning process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval