

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford CT
Monday, January 8, 2018

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, David Ionno, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (9)

Absent: Commissioner Clifford Avery Buell (1)

Also

Present: Commissioner Donald Currey
Commissioner Timothy J. Fitzgerald
Commissioner Denise Hall
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, 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
Marcy Wright-Bolling, Manager of Human Resources
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Marotta called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***On motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded,
the meeting minutes of December 4, 2017 were approved.***

APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 8, 2018

Over the past several years, the firms of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. 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 Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and the new appointment of DCB Strategies, LLC to represent the District during the 2018 legislative 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, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends that the annual fees for Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC remain \$25,000.00; Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. remain at \$40,000 and DCB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000, for a total of \$110,000.00. Payments would be prorated over a 12-month period, commencing January 2018.

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 Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and DCB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2018 and terminating on December 31, 2018. Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci and Capitol Strategies Group, LLC fees will remain at \$25,000.00 each; Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will remain at \$40,000, and DCB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000, 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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Allen of West Hartford spoke regarding the State Water Plan and Stream Flow Regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval