

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**The Metropolitan District**  
555 Main Street, Hartford CT  
Monday, January 11, 2016

**Present:** Commissioners Allen Hoffman, William P. Horan, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, James S. Needham, Hector Rivera and District Chairman William A. DiBella (7)

**Absent:** Commissioners J. Lawrence Price (1)

**Also**

**Present:** Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services  
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel  
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel  
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement  
Robert Zaik, Manager of Labor Relations  
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**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Alphonse Marotta at 5:02 PM

**ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

The District Clerk informed Chairman Price that a quorum was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the Committee on MDC Government of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 were approved.***

**APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on January 11, 2016

Over the past several years, the firms of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci and Capitol Strategies Group, LLC have provided exemplary service in the area of governmental relations. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain a level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci and Capitol Strategies Group, LLC to represent the District during the 2015 legislative session. The terms of their respective appointments would be from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends that the annual fee for each lobbyist firm remain \$25,000.00, for a total of \$50,000.00. Payments would be prorated over a 12-month period, commencing January 2016.

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 and Capitol Strategies Group, LLC be retained to perform lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2016, for a fee of \$25,000.00 each, totaling \$50,000.00, 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 District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the report was received and the resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval