

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford CT
Monday, February 3, 2014**

Present: Commissioners Allen Hoffman, Alphonse Marotta, J. Lawrence Price, Hector Rivera, Alvin E. Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (6)

Absent: Commissioners Michael Gerhart, William P. Horan, Maureen Magnan and James S. Needham (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner Pasquale Salemi
Commissioner Raymond Sweezy
Commissioner Daniel Camilliere
Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
Scott Jellison, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Engineering & Operations
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Brendan M. Fox, Jr., Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, Esq., District Clerk
Carol Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Treasury
Stanley Pokora, Manager of Treasury
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

District Counsel R. Bartley Halloran called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

The District Clerk informed District Counsel R. Bartley Halloran 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.

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, Commissioner Price was nominated to be Chairperson of the Committee on MDC Government. Commissioner Price's nomination was approved unanimously.

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, Commissioner Marotta was nominated to be Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on MDC Government. Commissioner Marotta's nomination was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Marotta and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 9, 2013 were approved.

Appointment of Legislative Consultants – Report 4.

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on February 3, 2014

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 2014 legislative session. The terms of their respective appointments would be from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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 2014.

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, 2014 and terminating on December 31, 2014, 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,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution recommended to the District Board by unanimous vote of those present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval