

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**The Metropolitan District**  
555 Main Street, Hartford CT  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

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

**Absent:** Commissioners Michael Gerhart, William P. Horan, James S. Needham and Hector Rivera (4)

**Also**

**Present:** Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy CEO, Business Services  
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel  
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Gerald J. Lukowski, Director of Operations  
Stanley Pokora, Manager of Treasury  
Nick Salemi, Special Services Administrator  
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Lawrence Price at 3:41 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 Taylor and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 1, 2014 and January 15, 2015 were approved.***

***Commissioner Price abstained.***

**APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on February 11, 2015

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, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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 2015.

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, 2015 and terminating on December 31, 2015, 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,

  
Chief/Executive Officer  
Scott Jellison

***On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

***Commissioner Magnan abstained.***

**DISCUSSION RE: 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

***Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel, briefed the committee on the 2015 Legislative Agenda.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval