



The Metropolitan District  
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**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021  
4:00 PM**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #7B  
THIS MEETING WILL BE REMOTE ONLY**

**Dial in #: (415)-655-0001; Access Code: 43808661#**

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**Commissioners**

Avedisian                      Holloway

Buell ( VC )                      Ionno

DiBella (Ex-Officio)              Lebeau

Gardow                              Magnan

Healy                                Marotta

Hoffman ( C )                      Taylor

**Quorum: 6**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020
4. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS
5. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
7. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 4, 2021

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. (Attorney Brendan Fox), SJB Strategies, LLC (Attorney Steve Bonafonte) and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC (Janice Flemming) have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District, and the same holds true for Squire Patton Boggs (William Schuster) and SJB Strategies, LLC on the federal level. 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 each of these firms for the 2021 state and federal legislative consultants. The term of these appointments would be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. receive \$60,000.00, (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000.00 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$60,000.00, for a total of \$140,000.00. By moving Gaffney Bennet and Strategic Outreach to \$60,000.00 each, there is a slight increase from the 2020. As such, Gaffney, Bennet will be specifically tasked with providing legal advice on proposed legislation affecting the District, and Strategic Outreach will specifically tasked with an expanded role of improving our outreach to the Black and Hispanic Caucus and explaining and defending the Clean Water Project charge to legislators representing communities and constituents most adversely affected.

On the Federal level, District staff recommends the reappointment of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies LLC as federal legislative consultants. In the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for federal legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Squire Patton Boggs receive \$150,000.00; and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$70,000.00.

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 Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$60,000.00, SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000.00, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$60,000.00, 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, including those tasks specifically referenced above.

**Further**

**Resolved:** That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021. Squire Patton Boggs will receive at \$150,000.00 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$70,000.00, 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