

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021

**Present:** Commissioners John Avedisian, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Gary LeBeau, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (6)

**Remote**

**Attendance:** Commissioners Jean Holloway and Maureen Magnan (2)

**Absent:** Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell and David Ionno (2)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Bhupen Patel (Remote Attendance)  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel  
Steve Bonafonte, Assistant District Counsel  
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)  
Robert Schwarm, Director of IT (Remote Attendance)  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities (Remote Attendance)  
Jamie Harlow, Manager of Labor Relations (Remote Attendance)  
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant  
David Baker, IT Consultant  
Janice Flemming, Legislative Consultant  
David Silverstone, Independent Consumer Advocate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Judy Allen, West Hartford resident, spoke regarding proposed bylaw § B2k and the ability for Commissioners to communicate with staff.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On motion made by Commissioner LeBeau and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 4, 2021, were approved.*

**ADDITION TO DISTRICT BYLAWS  
COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS TO STAFF**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration July 28, 2021

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following bylaw addition to The Metropolitan District Bylaws for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

**VOTED:** That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the following addition to The Metropolitan District's Bylaws be adopted as follows:

**B2k COMMISSIONER INTERACTIONS WITH DISTRICT STAFF, CONSULTANTS  
AND CONTRACTORS**

In order to ensure proper adherence with existing protocols of the Board of Commissioners and to maintain awareness of issues or concerns that may arise, should any commissioner or citizen member wish to contact any District employee with ultimate reporting authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or any of its consultants or contractors, regarding District business, they shall first direct their inquiry to the District Chairman and Chief Executive Officer who, upon receipt of any such inquiry, shall either facilitate the interaction between the Commissioner and the appropriate employee and/or provide the Commissioner with a response to any such inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

***No action was taken. The resolution was tabled until a future meeting.***

**REVISION TO DISTRICT BYLAWS  
TELEPHONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration July 28, 2021

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following bylaw revision to The Metropolitan District Bylaws for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

**VOTED:** That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the revision to The Metropolitan District's Bylaws be adopted as follows:

**B1J TELEPHONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

Commissioners may participate in and act at any meeting of the Board or any Committee through the use of a conference telephone or by means of other electronic equipment so long as all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other concurrently. Telephonic or electronic participation in a meeting shall constitute attendance and presence at the meeting ~~provided that those present constitute a majority of the required quorum.~~

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

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

**2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel, provided an update on legislative matters

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval