

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
Thursday, October 14, 2021**

Present: Commissioners Richard Bush, Allen Hoffman, Gary LeBeau, Jackie Mandyck, Dominic M. Pane, Raymond Sweezy, Calixto Torres, James Woulfe and District Chairman William A. DiBella (9)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Andrew Adil and Jon Petoskey (2)

Absent: Commissioners John Avedisian, James Healy, Alvin Taylor and Richard W. Vicino (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner Bhupen Patel (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pane called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Allen of West Hartford suggested revisiting the discount rate for large volume water users.

Commissioner Bush entered the meeting at 4:05 PM

Commissioner LeBeau entered the meeting at 4:07 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of September 9, 2021 were approved.

Commissioner Hoffman entered the meeting at 4:08 PM

2012 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES

The strategic planning committee held a discussion regarding the strategic plan from 2012.

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison spoke regarding stormwater and MS4.

Commissioner LeBeau recommended speaking with legislators to set up a funding program long-term planning for water companies and infrastructure improvements.

Commissioner Mandyck would like the Strategic Planning Committee to look at opportunities for MDC to partner with local universities on research and development opportunities. She also wants the Committee to look at the MDC's most expensive budget challenges in the future, what would it take for MDC to meet net zero emissions and what do town managers & councils want the MDC's role to be in the towns and region.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen of West Hartford stated she does not believe the MDC can solicit business to come to the area, as that's not in the charter. She voiced concerns regarding how necessary upgrades to West Hartford Filters may reduce production capacity and reduce safe yield. She would like all factors to be considered along with claimed interest in selling water to other towns, such as Portland and East Hampton.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval