

PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Present: Commissioners David Drake, Bhupen Patel, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A DiBella (5)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Donald Currey, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan and Dominic Pane (4)

Absent: Commissioners John Avedisian, Shubhada Kambli, Alphonse Marotta and Pasquale Salemi (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner Allen Hoffman
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
Olga Cordova, Manager of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Lisa Madison, Contract Specialist
James Dignoti, Professional Level Trainee
Carrie Blardo, Executive Assistant to the CEO (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

District Clerk John S. Mirtle called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

District Clerk John S. Mirtle called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Sweezy placed Commissioner Alvin Taylor's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Taylor was elected Chairperson of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for 2022 and 2023. Chairperson Taylor assumed the Chair and thanked the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Taylor called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Taylor placed Commissioner Raymond Sweezy's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Raymond Sweezy was elected Vice Chairperson of the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for 2022 and 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDAS ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 6, 2021 were approved. Commissioners Drake and Taylor abstained.

RFP 2021R-05 INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES

At 1:13 PM, Chairperson Taylor requested an executive session to discuss the RFP #2021R-05 Insurance Broker Services.

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee entered into executive session to discuss an open procurement item and interview the bidders.

Those in attendance during the executive session: Commissioners Donald Currey, David Drake, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan, Domenic Pane, Bhupen Patel, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella; District Clerk John S. Mirtle, Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shane, Chief Financial Officer Robert Barron, Procurement Specialist Lisa Madison and Professional Level Trainee James Dignoti.

At 1:15PM, representatives from Turner Surety & Insurance Brokerage, Inc. entered the executive session. They included Stefanie Kiernan, Rose Murray, David McClure, Laura Laurenzi, and Andis Woodlief.

At 1:45 PM, Commissioner Magnan entered the executive session remotely.

At 1:49 PM, Commissioner Pane exited the executive session.

At 2:05 PM, the representatives from Turner Surety & Insurance Brokerage, Inc. exited the executive session.

At 2:10 PM, representatives from bid candidate Assured Partners entered the executive session. They included Fred Tanguay, Ally Gable, and Rick Poirer. At 3:04 PM they exited the executive session.

At 3:10 PM, representatives from bid candidate Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. entered the executive session. They included Ronni Rausch, Marnie Inerzo, Cassie Raphel, and Tim Lilley. At 4:00 PM they exited the executive session.

RECONVENE

At 4:40 PM, on motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee came out of executive session and reconvened.

Commissioner Drake made the following motion:

Hereby resolved that the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee selects Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as the successful bidder and directs staff to award contract #2021R-05 to Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

The motion was duly seconded and adopted by majority vote of those present. Commissioner Sweezy opposed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date Approved