

**INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Thursday, August 4, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Gardow, Jackie Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Raymond Sweezy, and Richard Vicino (5)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Donald Currey (1)

ABSENT: Commissioner Allen Hoffman, Diane Lewis, Alvin Taylor, and District Chairman William DiBella (4)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner Richard Bush
Commissioner James Healy
Commissioner Georgiana Holloway (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Byron Lester (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Maureen Magnan
Commissioner Bhupen Patel
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Services (Remote Attendance)
Olga Cordova, Manager of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Lisa Remsen, Manager of Budget and Analysis (Remote Attendance)
David Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Julie Price, Executive Assistant (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

District Counsel Christopher Stone called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

District Counsel Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Sweezy placed Commissioner Jackie Mandyck's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Mandyck was elected Chairperson of the Internal Audit Committee for 2022 and 2023. Chairperson Mandyck assumed the Chair and thanked the Internal Audit Committee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

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

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Hoffman was elected Vice Chairperson of the Internal Audit Committee for 2022 and 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMITTEE PROCESS FOR INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION OF SANDLER & MARA P.C. INVOICES

District Counsel Christopher Stone outlined an overview of beginning the process for the Audit Committee including the potential consideration of retaining outside counsel to conduct an investigation and the need for approval of a budget for such counsel.

Commissioner Mandyck requested that Attorney Stone outline the principles of conflicts of interests.

Chairman Sweezy made the following motion:

No money shall be spent until Chairman DiBella answers the following question in writing: "At any point in the past year did you tell Jim Sandler that he would get a budget for 2022?"

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pane requested that future meetings of the Internal Audit Committee be held at 5:00 PM or 5:30 PM. He also requested that staff prepare a narrative of where we are from

August 17, 2021 to now. Lastly, he requested that any questions that other Commissioners may have should be sent through the District Clerk

Commissioner Bush wanted to put it on the record that Mayor Shari Cantor provided him with a letter that will be forwarded to District Counsel to circulate to Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval