

**COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Thursday, October 20, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioners David Drake, Joan Gentile, Pasquale Salemi, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William DiBella; (5)

**REMOTE
ATTENDANCE:** (0)

ABSENT: Commissioner Richard W. Vicino (1)

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner John Avedisian (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Donald Currey (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Allen Hoffman
Commissioner Georgiana Holloway
Commissioner Maureen Magnan (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Jacqueline Mandyck
Commissioner Dominic Pane (Remote Attendance)
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
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
David Rutty, Director of Operations (Remote Attendance)
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities
Alex Cosentino, Construction Manager (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William DiBella called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of July 18, 2022 were approved.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman DiBella called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Alvin Taylor placed Commissioner Joan Gentile's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Gentile was elected Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Technology for 2022 and 2023.

WHITE PAPER ENTITLED "REVIEW OF MDC MULTI HEARTH SSIs AND THEIR REGULATORY LIFE EXPECTANCY WITH THE EMERGING PFAS IN BIOSOLIDS ISSUE"

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison and Director of Facilities Tom Tyler presented the white paper and led a discussion on MDC multi hearth sewage sludge incinerators.

BIODIESEL

Chairman William DiBella led a discussion on developments in the biodiesel field.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen of West Hartford stated that she was impressed with the level of detail in the white paper. She noted two items that stood out to her. First, on page 18: "we typically do not seek a technology and then figure out how to apply it – we look to implement best practices and then find well-suited technologies to support those practices." Second, on page 30: "From a bigger picture perspective, the District's long-term viability and success in excelling at our core water and wastewater business lies squarely on the shoulders of our staff. Infrastructure and technology alone cannot make drinking water or treat wastewater. Continuously attracting top-notch talent, providing outstanding training, developing in-house expertise, ensuring the best tools are available, and developing in-house expertise, ensuring the best tools are available, and developing leadership skills are all critical to mission success. These are the items necessary to implement utility best practices, which will drive technology needs." Lastly, she also stated how appreciative she is of the work done by the entire MDC staff and commended Commissioner Mandyck for her vision for this committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval