COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, September 19, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioners Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Allen Hoffman, Jacqueline Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, Richard Vicino and District Chairman William A. DiBella (7)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Peter Gardow (1)

ABSENT: Commissioners James Woulfe (1)

ALSO PRESENT:
Commissioner John Avedisian (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Dominic Pane (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities (Remote Attendance)
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Olga Cordova, Manager of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of March 7, 2022 were approved.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Buell called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Buell placed Commissioner Donald Currey's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on September 19, 2022

It is recommended that it be:

Voted: That pursuant to the Charter of the Metropolitan District, the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board the following to serve as Citizen Members to serve until December 31, 2023;

Linda Russo of East Hartford – Board of Finance
Nick Lebron of Hartford – Board of Finance

Further
Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board the following Bureau, Committee, and Board appointments for the years 2022 and 2023:

Bureau of Public Works
Joan Gentile
Strategic Planning Committee
Joan Gentile
Committee on Technology
Joan Gentile
General Policy & Planning
Bhupen Patel
Jean Holloway

Respectfully submitted,

Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen of West Hartford suggested that resumes for potential Commissioners be included on the website.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pane asked how and why Avedisian's name was removed from the resolution appointing Commissioners to committees.

Commissioner Mandyck suggested that the Committee takes an in depth look at overall committee composition and activity of individual committees and determine if some committees can be dissolved. She also suggested on boarding training of Commissioners.

Commissioner Gardow also asked about Avedisian's proposed appointment to the Audit Committee and why it was removed from the resolution.

Commissioner Pane spoke about Avedisian's appointment and asked that it be brought to the Committee at another meeting. He also asked about the process that takes place to determine who gets appointed to committees.

Commissioner Gardow stated that all committees should be full and recommended that there be a special meeting to bring forward the appointment of Avedisian to the Audit Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.   _____
District Clerk   Date of Approval