

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, September 28, 2022

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway and District Chairman William A. DiBella (5)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioner Maureen Magnan and Alvin Taylor (2)

Absent: Commissioners Avery Buell, James Healy, David Ionno and Alphonse Marotta (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner Jackie Mandyck
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Steve Bonafonte, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Services (Remote Attendance)
Tra Phan, Controller (Remote Attendance)
Jason Waterbury, Manager of Engineering Services
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM

Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Magnan entered the meeting at 4:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Allen of West Hartford stated that the Bylaw as drafted is confusing and suggests that the conflict of interest disclosure form should be written in a more user-friendly way and possibly include a statement that Commissioners understand their responsibility of any disclosed conflict. She also stated that Bylaw B6d, as drafted, would have made the circumstances around bringing Niagara to the area a violation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 31, 2022 were approved.

CODE OF ETHICS ACKNOWLEDGMENT & POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

The Committee discussed the draft disclosure form and no action was taken. Agenda Item #4: "Code of Ethics Acknowledgement & Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form" was postponed to a future meeting.

REVISION OF BYLAW § B6d "DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST"

No action was taken. Agenda Item #5: "Revision of ByLaw § B6d 'Disclosure of Interest'" was postponed to a future meeting.

REVISION OF SEWER ORDINANCE § S12x DUE TO CONSENT ORDER #COWRMU22002 AND INTEGRATED PLAN

Without objection, the Revision of Sewer Ordinance § S12x was referred to a public hearing.

BYLAWS RELATED TO ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Agenda item #7: "Bylaws related to Organization of Committees" was postponed to a future meeting.

REVISION TO DISTRICT BYLAW § B3a

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration September 28, 2022

At the January 10, 2022 District Board meeting as part of the resolution organizing committee membership for 2022 and 2023, the District Board disbanded and dissolved several committees that had been inactive for many years. One such committee was the Farmington River Watershed Advisory Committee which is identified in Bylaw § B3a as a continuing standing committee. Bylaw § B3a should be updated to remove the Farmington River Watershed Advisory Committee as a standing committee due to its dissolution.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

VOTED: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the following revision to The Metropolitan District's Bylaws be adopted as follows:

B3a GENERAL

The District Board shall be organized into bureaus, commissions and committees as follows:

- 1) As provided by charter:
 - Water Bureau
 - Bureau of Public Works
 - Commission on Regional Planning
 - Board of Finance
- 2) Continuing standing committees:
 - Committee on Organization
 - Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee
 - Committee on MDC Government
 - Community Affairs Committee
 - Committee on General Policy and Planning
 - ~~Farmington River Watershed Advisory Committee~~
 - Internal Audit Committee
- 3) Special Committees (as may be raised by the District Board from time to time).
- 4) The quorum of each standing committee shall be established by the respective committee.

The Chairman or presiding officer of any bureau, board, committee or commission may participate in the discussion of, or debate concerning, any matter proper to come before such bureau, board, committee or commission, without being required to relinquish the chair during the discussion, debate and disposition of such matter, and may vote on such matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Gardow 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 recommended making copies of the disclosure form publicly available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval