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**DISTRICT BOARD
555 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD, CT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 5:30 PM**

The general public is welcome to call into the meeting. Everyone on the call will need to mute their phone to limit background noise disrupting the meeting.

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001; Access Code: 43808661#

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2022
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
7. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
8. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL
9. COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION - CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE:
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES (January 4, 2023)
10. COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT - CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE:
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS (January 4, 2023)
11. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
13. OTHER BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES**

To: District Board

January 4, 2023

From: Committee on Organization

At a meeting of the Committee on Organization held on January 4, 2023, it was:

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Bureau of Public Works

John Bazzano

John Gale

Water Bureau

Dimple Desai

Personnel, Pension & Insurance

Dimple Desai

Committee on Technology

Andrew Adil

Peter Gardow

Committee on MDC Government

John Bazzano

Dimple Desai

John Gale

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.

District Clerk

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: District Board

January 4, 2023

From: Committee on MDC Government

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. (Attorney Brendan Fox), SJB Strategies, LLC (Attorney Steve Bonafonte) and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC (Janice Flemming) have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District, and the same holds true for Squire Patton Boggs (William Schuster) and SJB Strategies, LLC on the federal level. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain the necessary level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of each of these firms for the 2023 state and federal legislative consultants. The term of these appointments would be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. receive \$60,000.00, (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000.00 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$60,000.00, for a total of \$140,000.00.

On the Federal level, District staff recommends the reappointment of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies LLC as federal legislative consultants. In the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for federal legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Squire Patton Boggs receive \$150,000.00; and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$70,000.00.

At a meeting of the Committee on MDC Government held on January 4, 2023, it was:

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

Resolved: That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2023. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$60,000.00, SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000.00, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$60,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel, may specify.

Further

Resolved: That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2023. Squire Patton Boggs will receive at \$150,000.00 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$70,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk