

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe, and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

**ABSENT:** (0)

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Commissioner John Avedisian  
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Jean Holloway  
Commissioner Dominic Pane  
Commissioner Bhupen Patel (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  
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer  
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)  
David Ruty, Director of Operations  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer  
Julie Price, Executive Assistant  
Dylan Pecego, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)  
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*On motion made by Commissioner Gardow and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 19, 2022 were approved. Commissioner Woulfe abstained.*

*Commissioner Hoffman entered the meeting at 4:34 PM.*

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES**

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on January 4, 2023

It is recommended that it be

**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~~

**Strategic Planning Committee**

John Bazzano  
John Gale

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

***District Chairman DiBella made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint Commissioner Gale and Commissioner Bazzano to the Strategic Planning Committee, rather than the Committee on MDC Government. The motion to amend passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

***District Chairman DiBella made a motion to bifurcate the resolution to withhold the technology appointments until the District Board can add an additional seat to the Committee on Technology and refer the item back to the Committee on Organization.***

***On motion made by Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the bifurcated resolution, as amended in redline above, was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

#### **RECESS**

At 4:52 PM, Commissioner Currey made a motion to recess the Committee on Organization meeting until 5:35pm to enable the District Board to add an additional seat to the Committee on Technology and refer appointments to the Committee on Technology back to the Committee on Organization. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **RECONVENE**

At 5:40 PM, Chairman Buell reconvened the meeting of the Committee on Organization.

***Commissioner Woulfe moved to appoint Commissioner Adil and Commissioner Gardow to the Committee on Technology. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. Commissioner Gardow abstained.***

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Bush inquired about the criteria to decide on the number of members on the Committee on Technology.

Commissioner Buell summarized his plan for the upcoming Fall to contact all Commissioners to discuss their interests and experience related to Committee appointments before the Committee on Organization convenes in 2024.

Commissioner Pane asked if there will be an opportunity for other towns to have Citizen Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval