

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Monday, February 13, 2023

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, William A. DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Byron Lester, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Pasquale J. Salemi, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe (19)

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Richard Bush, Donald Currey, Dimple Desai, Christian Hoheb, Mary LaChance and Bhupen Patel (7)

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Joan Gentile, James Healy, Maureen Magnan, Michael Maniscalco, Jon Petoskey and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (6)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
David Rutty, Director of Operations  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Jason Waterbury, Manager of Engineering Services  
Tra Phan, Controller (Remote Attendance)  
Julie McLaughlin, Communications Administrator  
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator  
Tania Stavola, Engineering Technician 3 (Remote Attendance)  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Remote Attendance)  
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant  
Julie Price, Executive Assistant  
David Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Joe Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiBella at 5:31 PM

### **ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

The District Clerk called the roll and informed Chairman DiBella that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 4, 2023 and January 23, 2023 were approved.***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

***Commissioners Bush and Desai entered the meeting remotely at 5:35 PM.***

### **REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison updated the Board on recent and upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meetings presenting the internal update to the 2003 Management Study. He also updated the Board on a meeting with KOJV regarding the tunnel claim. He discussed the meeting that he, Chairman DiBella and Hartford Commissioners attended in the North End of Hartford on February 6<sup>th</sup> with citizens, EPA and Senator Blumenthal discussing Hartford street flooding. Lastly, he informed the Board that the remaining union contracts should be ready to go to PP&I in March.

***Commissioner Steuber entered the meeting at 5:40 PM.***

***Commissioner Anderson entered the meeting remotely at 5:44 PM.***

### **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL**

District Counsel Christopher Stone updated the Board on the DEEP Landfill, collection accounts in 2022, the Norward Williams v. MDC claim, and the 54" transmission main damage claim.

At 5:58 PM, District Chairman Dibella requested an executive session to discuss the CT DPH Declaratory Ruling Proceeding and the Tunnel Update.

***On motion made by Commissioner Torres and duly seconded, the District Board entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation related to the CT DPH declaratory ruling proceeding and the tunnel claim.***

Those in attendance during the executive session: Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Avery Buell, Richard Bush (Remote), Donald Currey (Remote), Dimple Desai (Remote), David Drake, William A. DiBella, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Christian Hoheb (Remote), Jean Holloway, Mary LaChance (Remote), Byron Lester, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Bhupen Patel (Remote), Pasquale J. Salemi, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres, James Woulfe; Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison, Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shane, Director of Engineering Sue Negrelli, Director of Facilities Tom Tyler; Attorneys Christopher Stone and John S. Mirtle.

### **RECONVENE**

At 7:46 PM, District Chairman DiBella requested to come out of executive session and on motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the District Board came out of executive session and reconvened.

***Commissioner Mandyck made the following motion regarding the Resolution of CT DPH Declaratory Ruling Proceeding:***

***To withdraw, without prejudice, the declaratory ruling proceeding before the CT DPH on Colebrook Reservoir and thereafter apply for, without prejudice, an abandonment permit for Colebrook Reservoir.***

***The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

### **BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVAL FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCING DWSRF 2023-7110**

To: District Board

February 13, 2023

From: Board of Finance

Staff seeks approval from your Board to execute and deliver the Interim Funding Obligation and/or Project Loan Obligation to the State of Connecticut for DWSRF 2023-7110 having a principal amount of \$1,934,303.55 and having an interest rate of 2.00%.

The low interest loan and accompanying grant will fund the replacement of water mains in the Boulevard & Garfield Road Area in West Hartford.

The State of Connecticut, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, will provide \$2,084,303.55 in state funding with \$150,000.00 in grants and \$1,934,303.55 in low interest loans at 2.00% to fund the expenses associated with this agreement.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on February 1, 2023, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution from Bond Counsel

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, are authorized to execute and deliver the Project Loan and Subsidy Agreement DWSRF 2023-7110 to be entered into with the State of Connecticut (the "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations for DWSRF 2023-7110 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,934,303.55, to fund the replacement of water mains and associated appurtenances in the vicinity of Boulevard and Garfield Road in West Hartford, Connecticut. All previous actions taken by the District, including the actions of the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, related to the Agreement and any and all related documents, shall hereby be ratified and confirmed. Such Interim Funding Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, as defined in the Agreement, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement and, to the extent not paid prior to maturity from The Metropolitan District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in the Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Project Loan Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at a rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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

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

To: District Board February 13, 2023

From: Committee on Organization

At a meeting of the Committee on Organization on February 13, 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**

Pasquale Salemi  
David Steuber

**Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee**

David Steuber

**Committee on MDC Government**

Kyle Anderson  
John Bazzano  
David Steuber

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Kyle Anderson  
Donald Currey  
Byron Lester  
Pasquale Salemi

**Community Affairs**

Kyle Anderson

**Water Bureau**

Kyle Anderson

**Committee on Organization**

John Gale  
Diane Lewis

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR INTEGRATED PLAN**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison presented a draft presentation that will be shared with North End of Hartford community members at a meeting next week.

### **MEETING TRANSCRIPTS**

***On motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the Board referred a potential policy on meeting transcripts to the Board of Finance due to potential budgetary impact. The referral passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

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

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, said she heard some wonderful ideas that Commissioners were sharing about what the MDC can do immediately to help customers with flooding issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval