

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street, Hartford
January 24, 2023

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Richard Bush, Donald Currey, David Drake, Joan Gentile, Allen Hoffman, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres and District Chairman William DiBella (11)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Dominic Pane and Bhupen Patel (2)

Absent: Commissioners John Gale, James Healy, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan, and James Woulfe (5)

Also

Present: Commissioner Jean Holloway
Commissioner Jackie Mandyck (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
David Ruttly, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Allen King, Real Estate Administrator (Remote Attendance)
Diana Phay, Treasury Manager (Remote Attendance)
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services
Jason Waterbury, Senior Project Manager
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Dave Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hoffman at 3:05 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Bureau of Public Works held a moment of silence, in remembrance of Richard Vicino, former BPW Chairman, who recently passed away.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Hoffman called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Bazzano placed Commissioner Calixto Torres' name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Calixto Torres was elected Vice Chairperson of the Bureau of Public Works for 2023.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 14, 2022 were approved.

SEWER BACKUPS AND STREET FLOODING IN HARTFORD

Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on sewer backups and street flooding in Hartford.

Commissioner Magnan entered the meeting remotely at 3:18 PM

Commissioner Adil entered the meeting at 3:26 PM

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, shared her experience with a collapsed sewer lateral and having to replace the full length of the pipe. She stated this is very expensive for low income homeowners.

Edith Pestna, of Hartford, asked what recourse Ms. Lewis has regarding the sewer backup at her property

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Taylor stated that he wants to make sure that the MDC is not a guarantor for sewer flooding issues.

District Chairman DiBella stated that the MDC previously looked at insurance for sewer laterals and stated this may warrant looking into it again.

Commissioner Currey asked if we provided pictures or documentation to Ms. Lewis to possibly assist her in getting a refund from the plumber she hired.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

March 1, 2023

Date of Approval