

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
February 21, 2023

Present: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman and Alvin Taylor (7)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioner Maureen Magnan (1)

Absent: Commissioners Dimple Desai, James Healy, Jean Holloway and David Steuber (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner Joan Gentile
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
David Ruttu, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Tra Phan, Controller
Lisa Remsen, Manager of Budget and Analysis
Piotr Krzyk, Financial Analyst
Nefertere Whittingham, Financial Analyst
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Remote Attendance)
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Wayne Brelsford, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Dave Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Allen of West Hartford recently attended the press conference and public hearing on HB5888 related to the MDC. She believes the legislators explained the reasoning for the bill and that District Counsel Stone stated the changes were unnecessary. She

feels that a task force would be a long overdue review of the full MDC Charter to help update it.

Without objection, agenda item #3, "Election of Chairperson" was postponed until the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

District Counsel Stone and Brendan Fox of Gaffney, Bennet and Associates, provided an update on the General Assembly 2023 legislative session.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen of West Hartford believes that the MDC is transparent in some cases, but public perception is that it is not the case. She expressed that she wishes the disagreement by the MDC did not have to be contentious, and that people see things two different ways and all need to listen and understand each side. She also stated the MDC Charter is very outdated and needs to be updated.

Without objection, agenda item #3, "Election of Chairperson" was postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval