

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
April 5, 2023

Present: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Maureen Magnan, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William DiBella (9)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioner James Healy (1)

Absent: Commissioners Avery Buell, Dimple Desai and Peter Gardow (3)

Also

Present: Commissioner Donald Currey
Commissioner John Gale
Commissioner Joan Gentile
Commissioner Bhupen Patel
Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Steve Bonafonte, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Dave Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Janice Flemming Butler, Strategic Outreach Solutions

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Hoffman resigned as Chair of the Committee on MDC Government due to recently becoming Chairman of the Bureau of Public Works.

Commissioner Hoffman called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Hoffman placed Commissioner Maureen Magnan's name in nomination.

Commissioner Taylor placed Commissioner John Bazzano's name in nomination.

Commissioner Taylor moved that the nominations be closed. The District Clerk called a roll call vote for the Chairperson position.

The result of the roll call:

Bazzano: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Bazzano, Jean Holloway, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman DiBella (6)

Magnan: Commissioners John Avedisian, Allen Hoffman and Maureen Magnan (3)

Abstentions: James Healy (0)

Absent &

Not Voting: Commissioners Avery Buell, Dimple Desai and Peter Gardow (3)

Commissioner Bazzano was elected Chairperson of the Committee on MDC Government for the remainder of 2023. Chairperson Bazzano assumed the Chair and thanked the Committee on MDC Government.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of February 21, 2023 were approved.

2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

District Counsel Stone, Brendan Fox (Gaffney, Bennet and Associates), Steve Bonafonte (SJB Strategies LLC), and Janice Flemming Butler (Strategic Outreach Solutions), provided an update on the General Assembly 2023 legislative session.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, spoke regarding SB 1139, stating that in the past people from MDC have said that the task force that this would create is not necessary because the legislature can already change the charter. She stated that you cannot have it both ways; you cannot say that legislature can already do what they want to do but they cannot have a task force to learn what it is that they might want to do. Lastly, she stated that the legislature needs to have information to make good choices and the task force is something that could do that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval