

# COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 12:00 PM

Location

Board Room District Headquarters 555 Main Street, Hartford

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001 Access Code: 2300 537 9822 #

**Meeting Video Link** 

Commissioners

Gentile (VC)

Salemi

**Taylor** 

Adil DiBella (C) Drake

Gardow

Quorum: 3

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023

4. DISCUSSION RE: OUTSIDE CONSULTANT

5. DISCUSSION RE: BIODIESEL UPDATE

6. DISCUSSION RE: BIOMEDICAL WASTE

7. DISCUSSION RE: CT PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S INNOVATIVE ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. COMMISSIONER REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

# SPECIAL MEETING The Metropolitan District

555 Main Street, Hartford Thursday, November 2, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners Andrew Adil, David Drake, Joan Gentile, Alvin

Taylor and District Chairman William DiBella (5)

REMOTE

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Andrew Adil and Peter Gardow (2)

**ABSENT**: (0)

**ALSO** 

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Donald Currey (Remote Attendance)

Commissioner Gary Johnson (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

Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)

Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)

Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities

Michael Zabilansky, Manager of Maintenance

Lisa Madison, Manager of Procurement

Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

Julie Price, Executive Assistant

Jaimeson Sinclair, CT DEEP (Remote Attendance)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DiBella called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

### PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Commissioner Gentile and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of October 26, 2023 were approved. Commissioner Adil abstained.

### 2023-RFI-01 SUBMITTAL & PRESENTATION OF CDM SMITH

The Committee on Technology discussed the presentation by CDM Smith from October 26, 2023 and determined they had no further questions for CDM Smith.

## **OUTSIDE CONSULTANT**

The Committee discussed next steps for the RFI, including the potential for hiring an outside consultant.

Commissioner Gardow exited the meeting remotely at 2:58 PM.

Commissioner Salemi made a motion that staff develop information about medical waste in Connecticut, how much is being generated in Connecticut, where it's going, what's the market for it, what are disposal costs, where it's being processed, and the reasons why incinerators in hospitals have been closed down.

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

Commissioner Adil made a motion to bring CTEC in again for concrete examples of their work product that the Committee has not received up to this point so the Committee can investigate further and now with the addition of medical waste in the Committee's criteria provide an opportunity for any other RFI submitter to return and present to the Committee if they have a solution for medical waste and their solution should be further explored.

Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shane asked for clarification on what to ask CTEC in their presentation. Chairman DiBella stated to clarify certain issues they raised in their presentation. Commissioner Taylor stated to ask what class of waste streams does their process deal with.

Chairman DiBella also stated to ask about the quality of the by-product.

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

Commissioner Gentile opposed.

# **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

### **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Gentile requested that the Committee discuss CT PURA's Innovative Energy Solutions Program at a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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| John S. Mirtle, Esq. |  |

District Clerk

Date of Approval