

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners John Bazzano, Avery Buell, Richard Bush, William A. DiBella, John Gale, Diane Lewis, Byron Lester, Calixto Torres, James Woulfe and District Chairman Donald Currey (10)

**REMOTE  
ATTENDANCE:** (0)

**ABSENT:** (0)

**ALSO  
PRESENT:**

Citizen Member Awet Tsegai  
Citizen Member Linda Russo (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  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator  
Amanda Litvak, Professional Level Associate (IT)  
Chris Taveras, Network Analyst  
Jeff King, Construction Manager  
Rita Kelley, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer/Whistleblower  
Coordinator  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

District Counsel Christopher Stone called the meeting to order at 5:56 PM

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

District Counsel Christopher Stone called for the election of the Chairman. Commissioner Bazzano placed Commissioner Avery Buell's name in nomination, Commissioner Bush seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Avery Buell was elected Chairman of the Committee on Organization for 2024 and 2025. Chairman Avery Buell assumed the Chair and thanked the Committee on Organization.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Buell called for the election of the Vice Chairman. Commissioner Woulfe placed Commissioner John Gale's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner John Gale was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee on Organization for 2024 and 2025.

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

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded,  
the meeting minutes of November 13, 2023 were approved.  
Commissioners Bush, Lester and Torres abstained.***

### **APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2024-2025**

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on January 10, 2024

It is recommended that it be:

**Voted:** That pursuant to the Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board the following Citizen Members appointments for the years 2024-2025 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

Drew Iacovazzi, West Hartford	–	Board of Finance
Linda King-Corbin, Hartford	–	Board of Finance
Linda Russo, East Hartford	–	Board of Finance
Awet Tsegai, East Hartford	–	Board of Finance

**Further****Voted:**

That the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board the following Bureau, Committee, and Board appointments for the years 2024 and 2025 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

**Water Bureau**

Andrew Adil	Diane Lewis
Kyle Anderson	Jackie Gorsky Mandyck
Clifford Avery Buell	Jon Petoskey
Dimple Desai	Pasquale Salemi
John Gale	Alvin Taylor
Peter Gardow	Michael Carrier of New Britain (Special Rep)
Georgiana Holloway	

**Bureau of Public Works**

John Avedisian	Gary Johnson
John Bazzano	Byron Lester
Richard Bush	Maureen Magnan
William A. DiBella	Dominic Pane
David Drake	Bhupen Patel
John Gale	Pasquale Salemi
Joan McCarthy Gentile	David Steuber
James Healey	Alvin Taylor
Allen Hoffman	Calixto Torres
Georgiana Holloway	James Woulfe

**Board of Finance**

Andrew Adil	Drew Iacovazzi (Citizen Member)
Allen Hoffman	Linda A. King-Corbin (Citizen Member)
Pasquale Salemi	Awet Tsegai (Citizen Member)
	Linda Russo (Citizen Member)

**Personnel, Pension & Insurance Committee**

John Avedisian	Dominic Pane
Dimple Desai	Pasquale Salemi
David Drake	David Steuber
Joan McCarthy Gentile	Alvin Taylor
Byron Lester	James Woulfe
Maureen Magnan	

**Committee on MDC Government**

Kyle Anderson	Georgiana Holloway
John Avedisian	Maureen Magnan
John Bazzano	Jon Petoskey
Clifford Avery Buell	Calixto Torres

Peter Gardow  
James Healy

James Woulfe

**Audit Committee**

Andrew Adil  
Allen Hoffman  
Georgiana Holloway  
Diane Lewis

Jackie Gorsky Mandyck  
Dominic Pane  
David Steuber  
Alvin Taylor

**Community Affairs**

Kyle Anderson  
John Bazzano  
Clifford Avery Buell  
Georgiana Holloway  
Byron Lester

Diane Lewis  
Maureen Magnan  
Jackie Gorsky Mandyck  
Calixto Torres

**Commission on Regional Planning**

William A. DiBella  
Dimple Desai  
David Drake  
Gary Johnson

Jackie Gorsky Mandyck  
Bhupen Patel  
Pasquale Salemi  
Alvin Taylor

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Andrew Adil  
Kyle Anderson  
John Avedisian  
Richard Bush  
William DiBella  
John Gale  
Joan McCarthy Gentile  
James Healy  
Allen Hoffman  
Georgiana Holloway

Gary Johnson  
Diane Lewis  
Byron Lester  
Jackie Gorsky Mandyck  
Dominic Pane  
Jon Petoskey  
Bhupen Patel  
Pasquale Salemi  
David Steuber  
Alvin Taylor

**Committee on Technology**

Andrew Adil  
Richard Bush  
William DiBella  
David Drake

Peter Gardow  
Joan McCarthy Gentile  
Pasquale Salemi  
Alvin Taylor

**Further  
Voted:**

The Committee on Organization ratifies the following appointments by the District Chairman made in accordance with MDC Bylaws §§ B3m and B6h:

**General Policy & Planning**

Andrew Adil	Allen Hoffman
John Avedisian	Bhupen Patel
William DiBella	Pasquale Salemi
Dimple Desai	Alvin Taylor

**Ethics Advisory Board\***

Dimple Desai	Peter Gardow (Alternate)
Bhupen Patel	Joan McCarthy Gentile (Alternate)
James Woulfe	

\*District Chairperson not an ex officio member.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval