

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, January 10, 2024

PRESENT: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, Richard Bush, Donald Currey, William A. DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Bhupen Patel, Jon Petoskey, Pasquale J Salemi, David Steuber, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe (24)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Peter Gardow, Joan Gentile, Christian Hoheb, and Maureen Magnan (4)

ABSENT: Commissioners Dimple Desai, James Healy, Mary LaChance, Michael Maniscalco and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (5)

ALSO PRESENT: 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 Operating Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Awet Tsegai, Citizen Member
Linda Russo, Citizen Member (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by District Counsel Christopher Stone at 5:31 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

The District Clerk called the roll and informed District Counsel Christopher Stone that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Steuber entered the meeting at 5:33 PM

William A. DiBella recognized Commissioner Salemi for a point of privilege. Commissioner Salemi spoke in honor of former Commissioner and Chairman Gallicchio.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Christopher Stone, District Counsel, called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Salemi placed Commissioner Donald Currey's name in nomination, Commissioner Adil seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Donald Currey of East Hartford was elected Chairperson of the District Board of The Metropolitan District for 2024 and 2025. Chairman Currey assumed the Chair and thanked the Commission for their nomination and votes.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Currey called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Woulfe placed Commissioner William A. DiBella's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Lester.

Commissioner Pane placed Commissioner Allen Hoffman's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Mandyck.

After a voice vote, Commissioner William A. DiBella was elected Vice-Chairperson of the District Board of The Metropolitan District for 2024 and 2025, by a majority of those present. Commissioners Avedisian, Gardow, Magnan, Mandyck and Pane voted for Commissioner Allen Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Connor Martin, East Hartford Mayor, congratulated Donald Currey on his election of Chairman and mentioned his commitment to local government.

Alma Elder, requested that everyone speaking identify themselves and also stated she was interested in mitigation of flooding in North Hartford.

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
FOR THE YEARS 2024 - 2025**

To: District Board

From: District Chairperson

January 10, 2024

The Chairperson hereby appoints the following Commissioners to the Committee on Organization for 2024 and 2025 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

John Bazzano
Clifford Avery Buell
Richard Bush
William A. DiBella
John Gale

Diane Lewis
Byron Lester
Calixto Torres
James Woulfe

RECESS

At 5:55 PM, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to recess the District Board meeting to enable the Committee on Organization to prepare its report on appointments for 2024 and 2025. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RECONVENE

At 5:59 PM, without objection, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to reconvene the District Board meeting. The District Board meeting reconvened.

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Kyle Anderson | Georgiana Holloway |
| John Avedisian | Maureen Magnan |
| John Bazzano | Jon Petoskey |
| Clifford Avery Buell | Calixto Torres |
| Peter Gardow | James Woulfe |
| James Healy | |

Audit Committee

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| Andrew Adil | Jackie Gorsky Mandyck |
| Allen Hoffman | Dominic Pane |
| Georgiana Holloway | David Steuber |
| Diane Lewis | Alvin Taylor |

Community Affairs

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| Kyle Anderson | Diane Lewis |
| John Bazzano | Maureen Magnan |
| Clifford Avery Buell | Jackie Gorsky Mandyck |
| Georgiana Holloway | Calixto Torres |
| Byron Lester | |

Commission on Regional Planning

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| William A. DiBella | Jackie Gorsky Mandyck |
| Dimple Desai | Bhupen Patel |
| David Drake | Pasquale Salemi |
| Gary Johnson | Alvin Taylor |

Strategic Planning Committee

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| Andrew Adil | Gary Johnson |
| Kyle Anderson | Diane Lewis |
| John Avedisian | Byron Lester |
| Richard Bush | Jackie Gorsky Mandyck |
| William DiBella | Dominic Pane |
| John Gale | Jon Petoskey |
| Joan McCarthy Gentile | Bhupen Patel |
| James Healy | Pasquale Salemi |

Allen Hoffman
Georgiana Holloway

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
John Avedisian
William DiBella
Dimple Desai

Allen Hoffman
Bhupen Patel
Pasquale Salemi
Alvin Taylor

Ethics Advisory Board*

Dimple Desai
Bhupen Patel
James Woulfe

Peter Gardow (Alternate)
Joan McCarthy Gentile (Alternate)

*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.

REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison thanked former Chairman DiBella for his time as Chairman and stated he appreciates the time working with him. He stated that the recent 20-year storm did not see as much street flooding as initially feared and there was no wide-spread street flooding.

Commissioner Mandyck asked for a list of existing water diversion permits, and also asked for an in-depth update on the tunnel project.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

District Counsel Christopher Stone thanked former Chairman DiBella for all his work at the MDC, and stated that he will provide a full update on the tunnel litigation at future meetings.

**DISTRICT CLERK
SERVICE OF TAX WARRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

To: District Board

January 10, 2024

From: District Clerk

Pursuant to the Charter of the District, Section 3-13, the District Clerk reports that Tax Warrants for Fiscal Year 2024, drawn by the Chairman of The Metropolitan District, in favor of the Treasurer have been served on the following:

Town Clerk, Marguerite Phillips, Bloomfield
Deputy Town Clerk, Linda Muscaro, East Hartford
Town and City Clerk Noel McGregor, Hartford
Town Clerk James Krupienski, Newington
Town Clerk Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Rocky Hill
Town Clerk Leon Davidoff, West Hartford
Town Clerk Sue Schroeder, Wethersfield
Town Clerk Anna Posniak, Windsor

Receipts for these tax warrants have been received and are on file in the Office of the District Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alma Elder requested that the mitigation of flooding in North Hartford be placed on a future agenda.

Judy Allen of West Hartford congratulated Chairman Currey for being elected Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval