

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
The Metropolitan District  
May 15, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners John Avedisian, Richard Bush, William DiBella, John Gale, Joan Gentile, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Jacqueline Mandyck, Bhupen Patel, Alvin Taylor, and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (13)

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Andrew Adil and David Steuber (2)

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Esther Clarke, Jean Holloway, Diane Lewis and Pasquale J. Salemi (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  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems  
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to Chief Executive Officer (Remote Attendance)  
Julie Price, Executive Assistant  
Jacob Aviles, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gentile called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2024**

***On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of March 27, 2024 were approved. Commissioner Patel abstained.***

***Commissioner Healy entered the meeting at 5:04 PM.***

**INDUSTRY ENDORSED FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
MEASUREMENT/KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Chairperson Gentile led a discussion with the Committee members regarding strategic planning.

***At 5:07 PM Commissioner Gale and Commissioner Bush entered the meeting in person. Commissioner Bush had been in attendance virtually.***

***Commissioner Steuber entered the meeting virtually at 5:10 PM.***

***Commissioner Mandyck entered the meeting at 5:12 PM.***

**UPDATE ON MEMBER TOWN MEETINGS**

District Chairman Currey updated the Committee on his meetings with member town representatives, including a recent meeting with Hartford Mayor Arulampalam where they discussed flood control and stormwater. He also met with East Hartford Mayor Martin after the May 9<sup>th</sup> District Board meeting about stormwater and Mayor Martin was impressed with the presentation given by staff. He stated that he will be reaching out to any mayors with whom he has not yet met in order to schedule a meeting.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, liked Commissioner Taylor's suggestion of having outside eyes for a strategic plan. She stated that it is important to have a representative from the MDC's customers, environmental community, or maybe from the legislature, somehow involved in the development of the plan.

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Patel brought up the recent District Board meeting about stormwater with the member towns and that no one from Newington participated. When speaking with his town, they stated that there is the impression that MDC is trying to solve Hartford's stormwater problem, so he requested that staff makes sure to not give that wrong message in presentations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval