PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

The Metropolitan District

555 Main Street, Hartford Monday, May 20, 2024

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, David Drake, Byron Lester, Bhupen Patel,

Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe and District Chairman Donald Currey (7)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Dimple Desai, Joan Gentile and Maureen Magnan (3)

Absent: Commissioners Pasquale Salemi and David Steuber (2)

Also

Present: Commissioner William DiBella

Commissioner Allen Hoffman

Commissioner Jacqueline Mandyck

Commissioner Jean Holloway

Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer

Christopher Stone, District Counsel (Remote Attendance)

John S. Mirtle, District Clerk

Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer

Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer

Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer (Remote Attendance)

Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Services

Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)

Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities David Rutty, Director of Operations

Rita Kelley, Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Officer

Diana Phay, Treasury Manager (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo. Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant

Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

David Lee, Dahab Associates

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Drake and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of April 29, 2024 were approved. Commissioner Woulfe abstained.

Commissioner Gentile entered the meeting remotely at 4:08 PM

REPORT BY DAHAB ASSOCIATES INC. RE: 1ST QUARTER 2024 PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

David Lee of Dahab Associates, Inc. provided a report on the 1st Quarter Pension Plan Investment Performance

REPORT BY DAHAB ASSOCIATES INC. RE: 1ST QUARTER 2024 OPEB TRUST INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

David Lee of Dahab Associates, Inc. provided a report on the 1st Quarter OPEB

Trust Investment Performance

JOB SPECIFICATION ASSISTANT MANAGER OF BUDGETING AND ANALYSIS (E&E)

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024.

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to change the current Manager of Budgeting and Analysis (currently EE-18) to Assistant Manager Budgeting and Analysis (proposed EE-18). A copy of the revised specification is attached.

The Assistant Manager of Budgeting and Analysis role would be labor grade EE18 pay range from (range of \$ 136,259.35 to \$177,137.18). The current Manager of Budgeting and Analysis would be eliminated.

Codes

Employee Group: E&E FLSA Status: Exempt Labor Grade: EE-18

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: <u>ASSISTANT</u> MANAGER OF BUDGETING &

ANALYSIS

JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of this classification is to assist the Controller in the management of and responsibility for the budgeting and analysis functions for the District. This position will to perform professional level work managing the day-to-day operations acting as the head of the budgeting and analysis function for the organization division. This position is responsible for the development, implementation and management of the District's financial planning and annual operating (OPEX) and Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) budgeting processes. These plans and budgets include revenue, expenses (O&M) and capital, as well as the development determination of billing and tax rates and user fees needed to satisfy annual revenue requirements. This position is responsible for the budgeting process, as well as the on-going-presents the budget to management, monitors monitoring and forecasts forecasting of funds, benchmarks benchmarking performance measures and costs of business against other like organizations, and works in conjunction with internal stakeholders on capital planning and bonding requirements. Treasury on the bonding process.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Oversees-Manages the development of the District's <u>Annual annual Operating operating</u> and <u>Capital and Capital Budgets budgets</u> and rates. Works with the Controller to develop budget to actual variance reports and forecasts for management and the Board of Commissioners. Reports, tracks, and monitors key budgetary performance metrics. Monitors budget to actual variations and initiates the authorization to move budgeted funds among cost centers or budget line items.
- Develops, implements and manages the District's planning and forecasting model. Works closely with budgeting staff and all levels of senior management to ensure District financial plans and budgets achieve financial and operational objectives as outlined in the District's Strategic Plan.
- Provides direction to cost center managers and others regarding the timing, content, and objectives of the District's annual budget and forecasting process throughout the fiscal year.
- Works with the Manager of Treasury to maintain a comprehensive cash flow model for the District.
- Supports the District's other finance functions as well as all other District departments with statistical data and projections as required.
- Assists the Controller in managing any SAP financial system upgrades for the Department. Collaborates with
 Finance and other department staff on proposed SAP system enhancements or other District Business
 Enablement Team (BET) projects that have a direct impact on Budgeting and Analysis division functions and/or
 controls.

- Develops the Budget and Analysis division budget for review.
- Supervises, directs, mentors, and evaluates assigned staff, processing employee concerns and problems, directing work, counseling, disciplining, and completing employee performance appraisals.

Develops, tracks and communicates objectives and goals for Budget function personnel on an annual basis and manages the annual employee performance appraisal process. Provides timely feedback to all assigned direct reports regarding performance against objectives and goals on a quarterly basis.

Performs other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the general direction of the Director of FinanceController.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in accounting, or finance, data analytics, or related business with a minimum of ten-five (10)5) years of progressively responsible experience, including three-two (32) years of supervisory and/or managerial experience in accounting, finance, or auditing data analytics functions for an organization with demonstrated financial modeling and budgeting experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this classification. Practical experience is not an acceptable substitute for degree requirement.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Municipal or public utility budgeting experience preferred

Master's Degree in Business Administration, <u>Certified Public Accountant (CPA)</u>, <u>Certified Management Accountant (CMA)</u>, <u>Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Finance Public Officer (CPFO)CPA, CMA or CFA preferred CPA, CMA, CFA or CPFO preferred.</u>

Driver's License Required.

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

<u>Data Utilization</u>: Requires the ability to coordinate, manage, strategize, and/or correlate data and/or information. Includes exercise of judgment in determining time, place and/or sequence of operations. Includes referencing data analyses to determine necessity for revision of organizational components.

<u>Human Interaction</u>: Requires the ability to function in a supervisory/managerial capacity for a group of workers. Includes the ability to make decisions on procedural and technical levels.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization: Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

<u>Verbal Aptitude</u>: Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, advisory and/or design data and information.

<u>Mathematical Aptitude</u>: Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; ability to calculate decimals and percentages; and may include ability to perform mathematical operations involving basic algebraic principles and formulas, and basic geometric principles and calculations.

<u>Functional Reasoning</u>: Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or synthesis functions. Ability to deal with several concrete and abstract variables, and to analyze major problems that require complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.

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ADA COMPLIANCE

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Environmental Factors: Essential functions are regularly performed without exposure to adverse environmental conditions.

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It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Assistant Manager of Budgeting and Analysis attached hereto be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Mirtle District Clerk

JOB SPECIFICATION MANAGER OF TREASURY (E&E)

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024.

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to update Manager of Treasury (currently EE-18) to EE-20. A copy of the proposed specification is attached.

The updated Manager of Treasury role would change the pay range from EE18 (range of \$ 136,259.35 to \$177,137.18) to EE20 (\$144,112.78 to \$201,757.92).

Employee Group: E&E FLSA Exempt: Exempt Labor Grade: EE-20

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: MANAGER OF TREASURY

JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of this classification is to manage revenue, bonding, and all cash of the District, perform professional tasks at the managerial level to develop, plan, and oversee the daily activities of the Treasury Department function, including cash and liquidity management and overall financial risk management. This position performs is responsible for all professional work in of management and staff under its direction managing direct cash investments, bonding, accounts receivable collections and miscellaneous billings, claims, insurance risk, 457b plan and pension and OPEB asset allocations, OPEB and investment management, daily cash flow, employee benefit accounting, and financial accounting for Federal and or State of Connecticut grant programs, including but not limited to, CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) planning for Clean Water Projects.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Plans and directs the <u>Finance Department's Treasury divisionfunction</u>, including its objectives, <u>policies</u>, <u>procedures</u>, and <u>operations</u>.
 -and operations.
- <u>Directs and manages the Oversees and supervises_cash and liquidity management functions for the District, including _Overseesing_the management of the District's banking _Accounts_accounts Receivable receivables including collections, and miscellaneous billings efforts.</u>
- Directs and manages the debt management function for the District, including identifying appropriate level
 of debt to fund projects, overseeing cash flow forecasting, identifying and structuring debt arrangements, and
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 overseeing proper debt accounting.
- Assists inDirects and manages controlling controlling risk management activities including monitoring insurance coverage and managing insurance claims.
- Maintains supporting documentation and provides funding for the administration of employee benefits, including payments to third party administrators of pension, OPEB and workers compensation programs.
- Analyzes <u>finance</u> information on activity effectiveness and efficiency, determines operating policies and approves operating procedures. <u>Prepares or Reviews and</u> -approves reports <u>for submission to executive</u> <u>management</u>.
- Reviews and either recommends or declines proposed SAP system enhancements or other District Business
 Enablement Team (BET) projects that have a direct impact on Treasury division functions.
- DDevelops, coordinates and reviews the Treasury function division budget with the appropriate division staff.
- Manages the creation of Creates annual comprehensive investor relations strategies and presentations as required.
- Supervises, directs, mentors, and evaluates assigned assistant managers and/or staff of the Treasury
 divisionfunction, processing employee concerns and problems, directing work, counseling, disciplining, and
 completing employee performance appraisals.
- May perform other duties as assigned.

Works under the general supervision direction of the Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or business administration with a minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in accounting, financial management, or related area including three-five (35) years of supervisory and/or managerial experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this classification practical experience is not an acceptable substitute for degree requirement.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must be a Certified Finance Professional.

Master's Degree in Business Administration, <u>Certified Public Accountant (CPA)</u>, <u>Certified Management Accountant (CMA)</u>, <u>or Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Finance Public Officer (CPFO)</u> preferred.

Driver's License Required

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

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<u>Human Interaction</u>: Requires the ability to function in a supervisory/managerial capacity for a group of workers. Includes the ability to make decisions on procedural and technical levels.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization: Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

<u>Verbal Aptitude</u>: Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, advisory and/or design data and information.

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<u>Functional Reasoning</u>: Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or synthesis functions. Ability to deal with several concrete and abstract variables, and to analyze major problems that require complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.

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ADA COMPLIANCE

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<u>Sensory Requirements</u>: Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

Environmental Factors: Essential functions are regularly performed without exposure to adverse environmental conditions.

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It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Manager of Treasury attached hereto be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Mirtle

JOB SPECIFICATION CONTROLLER (E&E)

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024.

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to update the Controller (currently EE-18) to EE-20. A copy of the proposed specification is attached.

The updated Controller role would change the pay range from EE18 (range of \$ 136,259.35 to \$177,137.18) to EE20 (\$144,112.78 to \$201,757.92).

Code:

Employee Group: E&E FLSA Status: Exempt Labor Grade: EE-20

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: CONTROLLER

JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of this classification is to manage both the financial control and budgeting functions for the District. This position will perform professional level work overseeing the management of and responsibility for Ffinancial Controls functions including: budgeting and analysis, capital improvement planning, District ledger accounting, accounts payable, procurement, payroll, financial reporting and analysis, cost accounting, grant management, strategic financial planning and continuous process improvements, and annual audit submissions. Additionally, this position is Acts as the District's leader Subject Matter Expert (SME) in comprehensive knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting standards, and mustio ensure that the organization is—following all relevant accounting principles and standards. This position is responsiblewill perform professional level work overseeing—the management of and responsibility for the development and rimplementation and management of the District's financial planning andfor the annual O-operating (OPEX) and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)CIP budgeting processes. These plans and budgets include revenue, expenses (O&M) and capital, as well as the determination of billing and tax rates and user fees needed to satisfy the District's revenue requirements. This position presents the budget to executive management, monitors and forecasts funds throughout the fiscal year, benchmarks performance measures and costs of business against other organizations, and works in conjunction with the Treasury division on the bonding process.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Plans and , directs and -and coordinates all themanages the Finance Department's Controller division
 Financial Controls and Budgeting functions, including its objectives, policies, procedures, and operations.
- <u>Directs and manages District</u> accounting <u>and budgeting</u> functions for the <u>District includingthrough the</u>
 planning and implementation of goals and objectives for the areas of general accounting, payroll, <u>all</u> accounts
 payable <u>activities</u>, <u>internal financial controls monitoring</u>, <u>budgeting</u>, and <u>internal and external financial</u>
 reporting.

- Manages the accumulation and consolidation of all financial data necessary for an accurate accounting of
 consolidated operating expense funds and capital improvement funds results. Identifies, implements and
 maintains proper accounting treatment for the District's transactions in accordance with GAAP and
 Government Accounting Standards._Responsible for evaluating, implementing and maintaining the
 accounting and internal control system.
- Coordinates Manages and approves the preparation prepared of internal and external fund financial statements
 for issuance on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis which allows proper monitoring of financial
 performance. Responsible for the review and assessing assessment of current accounting operations, offering
 recommendations for improvement, and the implementation of new processes.
- CoordinatesManages the annual audit requirements on behalf of the District. Reviews documentation and submittals, ensures analyses are complete and documentation is in order prior to submission. the activities of the external auditors Responsible for the delivery of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report including the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for the Finance Director/Chief Financial Officer's approval.
- Provides statistical analysis and projections. Analyzes finance information on activity effectiveness and
 efficiency, determines operating policies and approves operating procedures. Reviews and approves reports
 for submission to executive management.
- Develops, maintains and reports on key performance indicators which highlight the financial control function performance. Makes recommendations for improving operational efficiency and control.
- Performs other duties as required.
- Develops, implements and manages the District's planning and forecasting model. Provides statistical analysis
 and projections as required.
- Works closely with senior management to ensure District financial plans and budgets achieve financial and operational objectives as outlined in the District's Strategic Plan.
- Provides direction to District Managers and Directors, to cost center managers and others-regarding the timing, content, and objectives of the District's annual budgeting and forcasting processes.
- . Works with Manager of Treasury to maintain an accurate and comprehensive cash flow model for the District.
- Provides statistical analysis and projections.
- Manages any SAP financial system upgrades for the Department. Reviews and either recommends or declines
 proposed SAP system enhancements or other District Business Enablement Team (BET) projects that have a
 direct impact on Controller division-functions.
- Develops, coordinates and reviews the Financial Controls and Budgeting functions Controller division-budgets with the appropriate division staff.
- Supervises, directs, mentors, and evaluates assigned assistant managers and/or staff of the Financial Controls
 and Budgeting staff Controller division, processing employee concerns and problems, directing work,
 counseling, disciplining, and completing employee performance appraisals.

Works under the general direction of the Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in accounting with a minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience, including three-five (35) years of supervisory and/or managerial experience in accounting, finance, and auditing functions for an organization; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this classification. Practical experience is not an acceptable substitute for degree requirement.

Preferred Qualifications: Public accounting experience and/or Master's in Accounting. Governmental accounting experience with prior work experience in a state, municipality, or utility. Acceptable candidate has working knowledge

and understanding of GASB rules along with principles of fund accounting and cost accounting. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System experience a plus with SAP experience and skills preferred. Relevant education, experience, skills, managerial/supervisory ability, and performance aptitudes as reflected in the position's job specification.

The MDC seeks to enhance the diversity of its workforce. People of color, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. The selected candidate will undergo an internal background check.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Certified Public Accountant is preferred.

Public Accounting and/or Governmental Accounting experience with prior work experience in a Municipality or Public Utility preferred.

Master's Degree in AccountingBusiness Administration, and Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Finance Public Officer (CPFO)CMA or CFA preferred.

Driver's License Required.

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

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VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Job Specification for Controller attached hereto be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

District Clerk

On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the reports for Agenda items #5A "Assistant Manager of Budgeting & Analysis", 5B "Manager of Treasury" and 5C "Controller", were received and resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

JOB SPECIFICATION ASSISTANT MANAGER OF TREASURY (E&E)- NEW

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024.

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to include an Assistant Manager of Treasury (proposed EE-18). A copy of the proposed specification is attached.

The proposed amendments to the job specification continues to enhance the multi-tasking approach to District positions. The new Assistant Manager of Treasury role would be labor grade EE18 pay range from (range of \$ 136,259.35 to \$177,137.18).

Employee Group: E&E FLSA Exempt: Exempt Labor Grade: EE-18

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: ASSISTANT MANAGER OF TREASURY

JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of this classification is to assist the Manager of Treasury in the management of and responsibility for the treasury functions for the District. This position will perform professional level work supervising the day to day operations of the treasury functions including cash and liquidity management and financial risk management. Specifically, responsibilities include daily cash flow, debt management and bonding, claims administration, insurance risk management, and financial accounting for Federal and or State of Connecticut grant programs, including but not limited to, CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Implements and coordinates the Treasury functions' s day-to-day operations based on Finance department objectives, policies, and procedures.
- Manages bank relationships and administration including bank transactions, daily cash flow and liquidity
- Manages the debt for the Treasury function, including identifying appropriate level of debt to fund projects, overseeing cash flow forecasting, identifying and structuring debt arrangements, and overseeing proper debt accounting.
- Assists in controlling risk management activities and administration including monitoring insurance coverage and managing insurance claims.
- Maintains supporting documentation and provides funding for the administration of employee benefits, including payments to third party administrators of pension, OPEB and workers compensation programs.

- Analyzes relevant information and key metrics on activity effectiveness and efficiency, reviews operating
 policies and procedures for opportunities for continuous business process improvement recommendations.
 Develops reports for submission to management.
- Actively engages in business process improvement projects for SAP system enhancements or other District Business Enablement Team (BET) projects that have a direct impact on Treasury functions.
- Develops, coordinates and reviews the Treasury functions budget with the appropriate division staff.
- Together with the Manager of Treasury, develops and coordinates the annual comprehensive investor relations strategies and presentations.
- Supervises, directs, and evaluates assigned staff of the Treasury Department, processing employee concerns and problems, directing work, counseling, disciplining, and completing employee performance appraisals.

Works under the general supervision of the Manager of Treasury.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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RESOLVED: That the Job Specification for Assistant Manager of Treasury attached hereto be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Mirtle District Clerk

JOB SPECIFICATION ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (E&E)- NEW

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024

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CLASSIFICATION TITLE: ASSISTANT CONTROLLER

JOB SUMMARY

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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Implements and coordinates the day-to day operations of Financial Controls based on Finance Department objectives, policies, and procedures.
- Manages workload for the function including general accounting, payroll, and accounts payable activities.
 Review and approve day-to-day workload transactions including but not limited to: invoices, journal entries, and financial control approvals within designated thresholds.
- Coordinates and provides analysis of the accumulation and consolidation of financial data necessary for an
 accurate accounting of consolidated operating expense funds and capital improvement funds results.
 Maintains proper accounting treatment for the District's transactions in accordance with GAAP and
 Government Accounting Standards.
- Coordinates the preparation of internal and external fund financial statements for issuance on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis which allows proper monitoring of financial performance. Responsible for assessing current accounting operations, offering recommendations for improvement, and the implementation of new processes.
- Coordinates the activities of the external auditors and manages any financial system upgrades for the District.
 Responsible for evaluating, implementing and maintaining the accounting and internal control system.
- Develops, maintains, and reports on key performance indicators which highlight the financial control function performance. Makes recommendations for improving operational efficiency and control.

- Assists the Controller in managing any SAP financial system upgrades for the function. Collaborates with Finance and other department staff on proposed SAP system enhancements or other District Business Enablement Team (BET) projects that have a direct impact on Controller functions and/or controls.
- Develops the Financial Controls budget for review.
- Supervises, directs, mentors, and evaluates assigned staff within the Financial Controls, processing employee
 concerns and problems, directing work, counseling, disciplining, and completing employee performance
 appraisals.

Works under the general direction of the Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer or Controller.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in accounting with a minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible experience, including two (2) years of supervisory and/or managerial experience in accounting, finance, and/or auditing functions for an organization; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this classification.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Accounting and/or Governmental Accounting experience with prior work experience in a Municipality or Public Utility preferred.

Master's Degree in Accounting and Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Finance Public Officer (CPFO) preferred

Driver's License Required.

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

Data Utilization: Requires the ability to coordinate, manage, strategize, and/or correlate data and/or information. Includes exercise of judgment in determining time, place and/or sequence of operations. Includes referencing data analyses to determine necessity for revision of organizational components.

Human Interaction: Requires the ability to function in a supervisory/managerial capacity for a group of workers. Includes the ability to make decisions on procedural and technical levels.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization: Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

<u>Verbal Aptitude</u>: Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, advisory and/or design data and information.

Mathematical Aptitude: Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; ability to calculate decimals and percentages; and may include ability to perform mathematical operations involving basic algebraic principles and formulas, and basic geometric principles and calculations.

Functional Reasoning: Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or synthesis functions. Ability to deal with several concrete and abstract variables, and to analyze major problems that require complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.

Situational Reasoning: Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity required in situations involving the direction, control and planning of an entire program or set of programs.

ADA COMPLIANCE

Physical Ability: Tasks involve the ability to exert very light physical effort in sedentary to light work, involving some reaching, handling, fingering and/or feeling of objects and materials.

Sensory Requirements: Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual and/or auditory cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

Environmental Factors: Essential functions are regularly performed without exposure to adverse environmental conditions.

The Metropolitan District Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commission will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Assistant Controller attached here to be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Mirtle

JOB SPECIFICATION HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM MANAGER (E&E)- NEW

TO: Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee for consideration on May 20, 2024.

Staff is recommending that the Job Specification and Job Classification System be amended to include a Human Resources Program Manager (proposed EE-15). A copy of the proposed specification is attached.

The proposed amendments to the job specification continues to enhance the multi-tasking approach to District positions. The new Human Resources Program Manager role would be labor grade EE15 pay range from (range of \$ 117,788.50 to \$153,125.06).

Employee Group: E&E FLSA Status: Exempt Labor Grade: EE-15

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM MANAGER

JOB SUMMARY

The purpose of this classification is to perform lead professional level Human Resources work that may span across a range of human resources functions. Work may involve overseeing, planning and coordinating various human resources programs, which may involve employee benefits, recruitment, selection, job classification, compensation, organizational effectiveness, regulatory compliance, performance evaluation, payroll interaction, safety, worker's compensation, risk management, drug-free workplace, training/development, or other human resources issues. Duties include managing, coordinating, preparing, analyzing, implementing and auditing various human resources programs to support the proper functioning of programs. Helps support data integrity efforts to support maintenance of accurate Human Resources records. Ensures compliance with Union Contracts, District Policies as well as all applicable Federal and State employment laws.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Manages District benefits program and all benefit compliance reporting requirements including ACA, Non-discrimination testing, etc. Conducts District benefit audits to ensure appropriate coverage levels between the District and insurance carriers. Coordinates and prepares reports and submits reports in compliance with requirements. Participates in regular meetings with insurance carriers and other vendors to ensure benefit plans are running appropriately and work through issues as necessary.

- Manages and maintains District benefits and benefit systems for both active employee as well as retiree
 populations. Monitor program/benefits and identifies potential issues and implements corrective action as
 necessary. Works with providers and participants to resolves more complex and difficult issues that arise.
 Manages, coordinates and processes annual open enrollment and benefit plan changes. Makes
 recommendations for the changes to benefit programs as well as implementation of a variety of employee
 wellness programs. Provides feedback related to services provided by outside providers and the effectiveness
 and cost benefits of such programs. Assists in coordinating marketing efforts regarding benefits. Champion
 District wellness efforts to increase awareness of health/wellness benefits.
- Participates in recruitment and selection process working with District Departments to meet hiring needs. Adhere
 to applicable local, state and federal labor regulations and civil rights laws, and District policies and procedures
 and applicable collective bargaining agreements. Manages the Human Resources onboarding process, conducts
 new hire orientations and ensures applicable training is provided to new hires.
- Coordinates, implements and administers District programs including various Intern programs. Manages and leads the entire life cycle of HR programs including planning, execution and evaluation. May hire and train new staff or assist management with this process.
- Manages daily aspects of the department and its staff, including temporary workers to ensure projects are completed and goals are met.
- Confers with staff from other departments regarding Human Resources issues and provides guidance and assistance to resolve issues before they escalate.
- Establishes effective working relationships with District staff and other constituents to support project objectives and programs.
- Maintains knowledge of trends, best practices, regulatory changes, and new technologies in human resources, talent management, and employment law.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Works under the general direction of the Director of Human Resources or designee.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in human resources, public administration, industrial relations, or a closely related field; supplemented by a minimum of seven (7) years previous experience and/or training that includes personnel administration in a union or corporate environment; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this classification.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Driver's License Required.

PERFORMANCE APTITUDES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES)

<u>Data Utilization</u>: Requires the ability to evaluate, audit, deduce, and/or assess data and/or information using established criteria. Includes exercise of discretion in determining actual or probable consequences, and in referencing such evaluation to identify and select alternatives.

Human Interaction: Requires the ability to apply principles of persuasion and/or influence.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization: Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

Verbal Aptitude: Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, and/or advisory data and information.

Mathematical Aptitude: Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; ability to calculate decimals and percentages; may include ability to perform mathematical operations with fractions; may include ability to compute discount, interest, profit and loss, ratio and proportion; and may include ability to calculate surface areas, volumes, weights, and measures.

Functional Reasoning: Requires the ability to apply principles of influence systems, such as motivation, incentive, and leadership. Ability to exercise independent judgment to apply facts and principles for developing approaches and techniques to problem resolution.

Situational Reasoning: Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity required in situations involving the evaluation of information against sensory, judgmental, or subjective criteria, as opposed to that which is clearly measurable or verifiable.

ADA COMPLIANCE

Physical Ability: Tasks require the ability to exert light physical effort in a sedentary to light work environment, which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of light weight (under 25 pounds).

Sensory Requirements: Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally and in writing. Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate visual cues or signals.

Environmental Factors: Essential functions are performed primarily indoors with minimal exposure to outdoor environmental factors.

The Metropolitan District Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commission will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee recommend to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the job specification for Human Resources Program Manager attached hereto be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

District Clerk

On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the reports for Agenda items #6A "Assistant Manager of Treasury", 6B "Assistant Controller" and 6C "Human Resources Program Manager", were received and resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

2024-RFI-02 "INDUSTRY INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGY FOR CONDUCTING EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY"

Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the 2024-RFI-02, "Industry Information on Technology for Conducting Employee Climate Survey"

PRIOR MONTH'S RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS INCLUDING EMPLOYEE'S YEARS OF SERVICE, GENDER, RACE & CLASSIFICATION

Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources, provided a report on the prior month's retirements, resignations and terminations.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM

ATTEST:	
John S. Mirtle, Esq.	
District Clerk	Date Approved