

**COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, August 12, 2024

PRESENT: Commissioners William DiBella, David Drake, Joan Gentile, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman Donald Currey (5)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Richard Bush and Pasquale J Salemi (3)

ABSENT: Commissioners Peter Gardow (1)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Bhupen Patel (Remote Attendance)
Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities
Lisa Madison, Manager of Procurement
Jeff Bowers, Manager of Water Pollution Control (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Jacob Aviles, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiBella called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of May 23, 2024 were approved.

**PRESENTATION BY REA RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS RE: DANBURY
BIODIESEL PROJECT**

Al Barbarotta, Dan O'Neil, and Dr. Richard Parnas, representing REA Resource Recovery Systems, updated the Technology Committee on the progress made at their Danbury biodiesel facility and gave an overview of their Connecticut business plan.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, stated that while the State of Connecticut, although looking at renewables and energy efficiency, she has not heard biodiesel talked about a whole lot. The legislation that required home heating oils to start blending in biodiesel was strongly opposed by the home heating companies because it did raise the costs. Also, the state of Connecticut has received a lot of money to help people convert to heat pump for energy needs. Lastly, when looking at the environmental justice issue, it is not only about the number of trucks, residents have a say in it all and their perception is as important as the science.

COMMISSIONER REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Adil requested that the Committee circle back with CTEC.

Commissioner Patel would like to get some numbers together from REA so that we can better evaluate their proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval