

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

555 Main Street, Hartford  
Monday, January 12, 2026

**PRESENT:** Commissioners John Avedisian, Richard Bush, William DiBella, John Gale, Joan Gentile, Byron Lester, Dominic Pane and District Chairman Donald Currey (8)

**REMOTE  
ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Peter Gardow ()

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Avery Buell (1)

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Commissioner Andrew Adil (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Kyle Anderson (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner John Bazzano  
Commissioner Alberto Cortes  
Commissioner Dimple Desai  
Commissioner David Drake  
Commissioner Christian Hoheb (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Gary Johnson  
Commissioner Diane Lewis  
Commissioner Maureen Magnan  
Commissioner Jackie Mandyck (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Pasquale Salemi (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Alvin Taylor (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner Chris Tierinni  
Commissioner Calixto Torres (Remote Attendance)  
Commissioner James Woulfe  
Citizen Member Linda Russo  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance  
(Remote Attendance)  
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Dave Ruddy, Director of Operations  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant  
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

District Chairman Currey called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

District Chairman Currey called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Gale placed Commissioner Avery Buell's name in nomination, Commissioner DiBella seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Avery Buell was elected Chairman of the Committee on Organization for 2026 and 2027.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

District Chairman Currey called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner DiBella placed Commissioner John Gales name in nomination, Commissioner Gardow seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner John Gale was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee on Organization for 2026 and 2027.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

The Independent Consumer Advocate did not have any comments or questions

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

*On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 10, 2025 were approved.*

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2026-2027**

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on January 12, 2026

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 2026-2027 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

Linda King-Corbin	Hartford	Board of Finance
Linda Russo	East Hartford	Board of Finance
Awet Tsegai	East Hartford	Board of Finance
Sharon Murray	West 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 2026 and 2027 and until their successors are appointed and qualified:

**Water Bureau**

Andrew S. Adil	Byron Lester
Kyle Anderson	Diane Lewis
Avery Buell	Jackie Mandyck
Alberto Cortes	Dominic Pane
<i>Donald M. Currey *Ex-Officio</i>	Pasquale Salemi
Dimple Desai	Christopher Tierinni
John Gale	Edwin Vargas
Peter Gardow	

**Bureau of Public Works**

John Avedisian	James Healy
John Bazzano	Gary Johnson
Richard Bush	Maureen Magnan
<i>Donald M. Currey *Ex-Officio</i>	Bhupen Patel
William DiBella	Alvin Taylor
David Drake	Calixto Torres
Joan Gentile	James Woulfe

**Board of Finance**

Andrew Adil	Linda King-Corbin
<i>Donald M. Currey *Ex-Officio</i>	Linda Russo
Jackie Mandyck	Awet Tsegai
Pasquale Salemi	Sharon Murray

**Personnel, Pension & Insurance Committee**

John Avedisian  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
Dimple Desai  
David Drake  
Joan Gentile  
Byron Lester

Maureen Magnan  
Dominic Pane  
Bhupen Patel  
Alvin Taylor  
Christopher Tierinni  
Edwin Vargas

**Committee on MDC Government**

Kyle Anderson  
John Avedisian  
John Bazzano  
Avery Buell  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
Peter Gardow

James Healy  
Gary Johnson  
Maureen Magnan  
Christopher Tierinni  
Calixto Torres  
James Woulfe

**Audit Committee**

Andrew Adil  
John Avedisian  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
Diane Lewis  
Jackie Mandyck

Dominic Pane  
Alvin Taylor  
Christopher Tierinni  
Edwin Vargas

**Community Affairs**

Kyle Anderson  
John Bazzano  
Avery Buell  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
Byron Lester

Diane Lewis  
Maureen Magnan  
Jackie Mandyck  
Calixto Torres  
Edwin Vargas

**Commission on Regional Planning**

Alberto Cortes  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
Dimple Desai  
William DiBella  
David Drake

Gary Johnson  
Byron Lester  
Jackie Mandyck  
Bhupen Patel  
Pasquale Salemi

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Andrew Adil  
John Avedisian  
Richard Bush  
Alberto Cortes  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
William DiBella  
John Gale

Gary Johnson  
Byron Lester  
Diane Lewis  
Jackie Mandyck  
Dominic Pane  
Bhupen Patel  
Pasquale Salemi

Joan Gentile  
James Healy

Christopher Tierinni

**Committee on Technology**

Andrew Adil  
Richard Bush  
Alberto Cortes  
*Donald M. Currey \*Ex-Officio*  
William DiBella

David Drake  
Peter Gardow  
Joan Gentile  
Gary Johnson  
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 Bazzano  
Donald Currey  
Dimple Desai  
William DiBella

James Healy  
Bhupen Patel  
Pasquale Salemi  
Calixto Torres

**Ethics Advisory Board\***

Dimple Desai  
Bhupen Patel  
Christopher Tierinni

Peter Gardow \*Alternate  
Joan Gentile \*Alternate

\*District Chairperson not an ex-officio member.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

***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.

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Commissioner requests for consideration of future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval

\*\*Video of the full January 12, 2026 Committee on Organization meeting is available at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> \*\*