



The Metropolitan District
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**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026
5:00 PM**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001
Access Code: 2314 331 1022#

[Meeting Video Link](#)

Commissioners

Avedisian	Gale (VC)
Buell (C)	Gardow
Bush	Gentile
Currey (Ex-Officio)	Lester
DiBella	Pane

Quorum: 5

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3. INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026**
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER TO COMMITTEES FOR 2026 & 2027**
- 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 7. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER TO COMMITTEES**

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on February 10, 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 to serve as a Citizen Member appointed to the Board of Finance to serve until December 31, 2027, and until a successor is appointed and qualified;

Khouloud Al Mannai – Hartford – Board of Finance

Further Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board that Commissioner Byron Lester be removed from the Water Bureau for the years 2026 and 2026, and be appointed to the Bureau of Public Works for the years 2026 and 2027.

Respectfully submitted,


John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

**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

Date of Approval

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