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MEMBERSHIP
OF
THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
2023

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RAYMOND SWEEZY

Vice Chairman, Committee on Organization

AVERY BUELL

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JAMES WOULFE

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MINUTES
OF
MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
HELD IN 2023

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, January 4, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe, and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

ABSENT: (0)

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Jean Holloway
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Bhupen Patel (Remote Attendance)
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
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)
David Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Dylan Pecego, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 Gardow and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 19, 2022 were approved. Commissioner Woulfe abstained.

Commissioner Hoffman entered the meeting at 4:34 PM.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on January 4, 2023

It is recommended that it be

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Bureau of Public Works

John Bazzano
John Gale

Water Bureau

Dimple Desai

Personnel, Pension & Insurance

Dimple Desai

Committee on Technology

Andrew Adil
Peter Gardow

Committee on MDC Government

John Bazzano
Dimple Desai
John Gale

Strategic Planning Committee

John Bazzano
John Gale

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

District Chairman DiBella made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint Commissioner Gale and Commissioner Bazzano to the Strategic Planning Committee, rather than the Committee on MDC Government. The motion to amend passed by unanimous vote of those present.

District Chairman DiBella made a motion to bifurcate the resolution to withhold the technology appointments until the District Board can add an additional seat to the Committee on Technology and refer the item back to the Committee on Organization.

On motion made by Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the bifurcated resolution, as amended in redline above, was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

RECESS

At 4:52 PM, Commissioner Currey made a motion to recess the Committee on Organization meeting until 5:35pm to enable the District Board to add an additional seat to the Committee on Technology and refer appointments to the Committee on Technology back to the Committee on Organization. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RECONVENE

At 5:40 PM, Chairman Buell reconvened the meeting of the Committee on Organization.

Commissioner Woulfe moved to appoint Commissioner Adil and Commissioner Gardow to the Committee on Technology. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. Commissioner Gardow abstained.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Bush inquired about the criteria to decide on the number of members on the Committee on Technology.

Commissioner Buell summarized his plan for the upcoming Fall to contact all Commissioners to discuss their interests and experience related to Committee appointments before the Committee on Organization convenes in 2024.

Commissioner Pane asked if there will be an opportunity for other towns to have Citizen Members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

ATTEST:

The signature is handwritten in black ink, appearing to read "John Mirtle".

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

February 13, 2023
Date of Approval

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, February 13, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe, and District Chairman William A. DiBella (7)

ABSENT: Commissioner Donald Currey (1)

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Joan Gentile (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
David Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
David Baker, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 4, 2023 were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on February 13, 2023

It is recommended that it be

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Bureau of Public Works

Pasquale Salemi

David Steuber

Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee

David Steuber

Committee on MDC Government

Kyle Anderson

John Bazzano

David Steuber

Strategic Planning Committee

Kyle Anderson

Donald Currey

Byron Lester

Pasquale Salemi

Community Affairs

Kyle Anderson

Water Bureau

Kyle Anderson

Committee on Organization

John Gale

Diane Lewis

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Chairman 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 COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Mandyck recommended that the spreadsheet with committee membership be updated after these appointments and that when looking at appointments for the 2024-2025 years, the Chair looks at the distribution of Commissioners on committees from each town.

Commissioner Avedisian asked that someone from the District contact the Governor's office regarding the vacant Windsor Governor appointment, as a name has been in front of their office for six months but there has been no movement on the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

April 3, 2023
Date of Approval

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

555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, April 3, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners Donald Currey, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe, and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

ABSENT: Commissioner Clifford Avery Buell (1)

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Commissioner John Bazzano
Commissioner Joan Gentile
Commissioner Byron Lester
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
David Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
David Baker, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 5:15 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 Mandyck and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of February 13, 2023 were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on April 3, 2023

It is recommended that it be

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Bureau of Public Works
Gary Johnson

Strategic Planning Committee
Gary Johnson

On motion made by Chairman 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 COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

May 1, 2023
Date of Approval

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

555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, May 1, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners C. Avery Buell, Donald Currey, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor, James Woulfe, and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

**REMOTE
ATTENDENCE:**

ABSENT: Commissioner Diane Lewis (1)

**ALSO
PRESENT:**

Commissioner Kyle Anderson
Commissioner John Avedesian
Commissioner John Bazzano
Commissioner Richard Bush
Commissioner Dimple Desai
Commissioner Joan Gentile
Commissioner Jean Holloway
Commissioner Gary Johnson
Commissioner Byron Lester
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Bhupen Patel
Commissioner Pasqual Salemi
Commissioner Calixto Torres
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John Mirtle, District Clerk
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
David Baker, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 5:16 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 Gardow and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of April 3, 2023 were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on May 1, 2023

It is recommended that it be

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Community Affairs Committee

Byron Lester

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

November 13, 2023
Date of Approval

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, November 13, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners C. Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Jackie Mandyck, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (7)

**REMOTE
ATTENDENCE:** (0)

ABSENT: Commissioners John Gale, Diane Lewis and James Woulfe (3)

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner Joan Gentile (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Jean Holloway
Commissioner Bhupen Patel
Commissioner Jon Petoskey
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John Mirtle, District Clerk
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Carrie Blardo, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Dylan Pecego, IT Administrator (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Avery Buell called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of May 1, 2023 were approved.

COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP

To: Committee on Organization for consideration on November 13, 2023

WHEREAS, District Bylaw B3i states: "The Committee on MDC Government shall consist of twelve Commissioners of the District."

WHEREAS, at the January 4, 2023 Committee on Organization and District Board meetings, Commissioner Dimple Desai was appointed to the Committee on MDC Government as the tenth member of the Committee on MDC Government.

WHEREAS, at the February 13, 2023 Committee on Organization meeting, the Committee voted to appoint Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Bazzano and David Steuber to the Committee on MDC Government.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be:

Voted: That the Committee on Organization approve the following resolution:

**BE IT
RESOLVED** The February 13, 2023 appointments of Kyle Anderson and John Bazzano to the Committee on MDC Government are hereby ratified as the eleventh and twelfth members of the Committee on MDC Government;

**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED** The February 13, 2023 appointment of David Steuber to the Committee on MDC Government was and is null and void because it exceeded the size limit of the Committee on MDC Government set by District Bylaw B3i.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

*On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded,
the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote
of those present.*

2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Buell led discussion regarding considerations for Commissioner appointments to committees.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, stated that she thinks there is some value in limiting how many committees a Commissioner can sit on, as it can end up lopsided. She also suggested that there be a limit set on the number of committees on which a Commissioner can be Chair or Vice Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

January 10, 2024
Date of Approval

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