

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Peter Gardow, Christopher Tierinni, Calixto Torres and District Chairman Donald Currey (6)

REMOTE

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Avery Buell, Gary Johnson and Maureen Magnan (3)

ABSENT: Commissioners Kyle Anderson and James Healy (2)

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner Alberto Cortes (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner William DiBella
Commissioner John Gale
Commissioner Jackie Mandycz (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Dominic Pane (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Steve Bonafonte, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)
Janice Flemming-Butler, Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC
Mike Crist, Levin, Paolino & Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bazzano called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

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

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli did not have any comments or questions relative to agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Magnan and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 28, 2026 were approved.

2026 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

District Counsel Stone led a discussion on 2026 legislative initiatives.

Assistant District Counsel Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel Steve Bonafonte, Janice Flemming-Butler of Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC and Mike Christ of Levin, Paolino & Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC Introduced themselves to the Committee on MDC Government.

Commissioner Tierinni made a motion to include the request to increase the bidding threshold from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and that become part of the legislative package. The motion was duly seconded and adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli stated that she has not heard how the legislative agenda has been crafted in the past. She also stated that there was previously a program in Connecticut for low-income household water assistance, but that there is currently no federal funding for the program. She stated that the only program for assistance is currently Generation Power CT. She would like to request that the MDC encourage the General Assembly to revitalize the low-income household water assistance program, and to request state funding for that program until federal funding becomes available.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

District Chairman Currey stated that Commissioner Salemi reached out to him through email to ask lobbyists to ask DEEP to open up a discussion on hydroelectric power. He would like to ask the Water Bureau Chairperson to add the item to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval

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