

**ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, March 16, 2026**

PRESENT: Commissioners Dimple Desai, Peter Gardow and Christopher Tierinni (3)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Joan Gentile [Alternate] (1)

ABSENT: Commissioners Bhupen Patel (1)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Diane Lewis
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Citizen Member Awet Tsegai
District Chairman Donald Currey (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Andrew Adil (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Alberto Cortes (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Jackie Mandyck (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Alvin Taylor (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Services (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer & Special Assistant
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

District Counsel Christopher Stone called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Desai made a motion to give alternate members the right to vote for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

District Counsel Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Tierinni placed Commissioner Dimple Desai's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Gardow.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Desai was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Ethics Advisory Board for 2026 and 2027. Chairman Desai assumed the Chair and thanked the Ethics Advisory Board.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Desai called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Tierinni placed Commissioner Bhupen Patel's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Gardow.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Patel was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Ethics Advisory Board for 2026 and 2027.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Adil objected to the agenda items regarding late Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms at this meeting. He feels that motives are being questioned.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

On motion made by Commissioner Tierinni and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 were approved.

2026 COMMISSIONERS DISCLOSURE FORMS SUBMITTED LATE

Commissioner Gardow made a motion to be referred to the District Board.

Resolved: Any Commissioners who were late in filing their annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms, due January 31, 2026 will have a letter sent to their appointing authority if their form is also late next year.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

2026 COMMISSIONERS DISCLOSURE FORMS NOT SUBMITTED

Commissioner Gardow made a motion to be referred to the District Board.

Resolved: Commissioners who have not yet submitted their annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure form have 10-days to submit their completed form, or their appointing authority will be notified.

Commissioner Gardow accepted an amendment to include any Commissioners who have not yet submitted their annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure form, will have a letter sent to their appointing authority if their form is late next year.

The motion, as amended, was duly seconded and passed by majority vote of those present. Commissioner Tierinni opposed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Salemi requested that the committee discuss the information on the completed Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms at a future meeting.

Commissioner Gardow suggested that the committee look at the Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms at a future meeting.

Commissioner Tierinni asked that the Committee on MDC Government look into Bylaw B6d to consider revising it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval