

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

PRESENT: Commissioners John Avedisian, Alberto Cortes, William DiBella, John Gale, Joan Gentile, Gary Johnson, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck and Chris Tierinni (9)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Byron Lester, Pasquale J. Salemi and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (4)

ABSENT: Commissioners Richard Bush, James Healy and Bhupen Patel (3)

ALSO PRESENT: Citizen Member Awet Tsegai
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Dave Ruddy, Director of Operations
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Jeremy Galeota, Senior Project Manager
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, Helpdesk Coordinator (Remote Attendance)
Joanna Brunner, Arcadis U.S., Inc.
Greg Bazydola, Arcadis U.S., Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

District Counsel Stone called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

District Counsel Christopher Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Tierinni placed Commissioner Joan Gentile's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner DiBella.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Gentile was elected Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee for 2026 and 2027 by unanimous vote of those present. Chairperson Gentile assumed the Chair and thanked the Strategic Planning Committee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairwoman Gentile called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Johnson placed Commissioner Jacqueline Mandyck's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Avedisian.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Jacqueline Mandyck was elected Vice Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee by majority vote of those present 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 was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

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

Commissioner Gale entered the meeting at 4:20 PM

**REPORT FROM ARCADIS U.S., INC.
EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT (EUM) SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Joanna Brunner of Arcadis U.S., Inc. presented a PowerPoint regarding the Effective Utility Management Self-Assessment. Committee members held a discussion regarding the Effective Utility Management Self-Assessment.

Commissioner Lewis exited the meeting at 4:45 PM and reentered at 4:48 PM

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OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Gale requested definitions for each of the 10 attributes be sent out to Committee members and inquired what the next steps would be.

Chairwoman Gentile asked the Committee members to review the focus areas and provide any feedback they have regarding the EUM Self-Assessment so it can be part of the agenda for the next meeting. She stated that there will be more frequent meetings going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full February 25, 2026 Strategic Planning Committee meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **