

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Wednesday, April 22, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners John Avedisian, Peter Gardow, Gary Johnson, Maureen Magnan, Christopher Tierinni, Calixto Torres and District Chairman Donald Currey (7)

REMOTE

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner James Healy (1)

ABSENT: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Bazzano, Avery Buell and James Woulfe (4)

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner Andrew Adil (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Alberto Cortes
Commissioner Dimple Desai (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner William DiBella
Commissioner Joan Gentile (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Diane Lewis
Commissioner Jackie Mandycyk
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Edwin Vargas
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, Help Desk Coordinator (Remote Attendance)
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)
Mike Crist, Levin, Paolino & Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Gardow called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

Commissioner Healy entered the meeting remotely at 5:01 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Tierinni and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of February 10, 2026 were approved.

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
PENDING LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**

District Counsel Stone and Assistant District Counsel Fox led a discussion on the current status of Senate Bill 448.

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Voted: Be it resolved that the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the District Board restates and reaffirms its support of Senate Bill 448, An Act Amending the Charter of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County (File No. 283), as unanimously adopted by the Planning and Development Committee of the General Assembly, without amendment.

On motion made by Commissioner Magnan and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli stated that Representative James Sanchez did submit public testimony and it stated reasons including the significance of having District Counsel be a ratepayer. She also commented that some of the discussion by the Committee differed from public testimony on the bill submitted prior to the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full April 22, 2026 Committee on MDC Government meeting is available at
<https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **