



The Metropolitan District
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**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026
5:00 PM**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Commissioners</u>	
Board Room	Anderson	Healy
District Headquarters	Avedisian	Johnson
555 Main Street, Hartford	Bazzano (C)	Magnan
	Buell	Tierinni
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Access Code: 2315 305 8292 #	Gardow (VC)	Woulfe
<u>Meeting Video Link</u>		

Quorum: 6

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3. INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2026**
- 5. REPORT RE: END OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**
- 6. REFERRAL TO PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED NEW WATER ORDINANCE § W1g “RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS”**
- 7. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: REVISION OF BYLAW § B6d “DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST”**
- 8. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 9. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
REFERRAL OF PROPOSED NEW WATER ORDINANCE W1g TO PUBLIC
HEARING**

To: Committee on MDC Government

May 28, 2026

At a meeting of the Water Bureau on March 2, 2026, the Water Bureau recommended that the attached new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” be adopted.

It is recommended that it be:

Voted: That the Committee on MDC Government approve the following resolution:

Resolved: That the District Clerk schedule a public hearing for the attached draft new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements.”

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

[NEW ORDINANCE] - SEC. W1g RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS

Any agreement entered into by the District with any water company, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 25-32a, a municipality, or other entity, that provides water outside the District's exclusive service area and includes provisions reserving any portion of the District's water supply safe yield for the benefit of such water company, municipality or other entity, shall require payment of a rate established by the District Board, which shall be known as the "Reserved Safe Yield Rate". The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall apply to any unused portions of contracted available daily quantities. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall not apply to quantities of treated water actually purchased or within the take-or-pay minimum of the water company, municipality or other entity.

The District Board shall establish the Reserved Safe Yield Rate based on the calculated budgetary cost for the maintenance and protection of its water supply reservoir system. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be a fixed rate per million gallons per day of water which rate may be modified annually by the District Board. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be applied to the difference between the contracted safe yield quantity and the annual average daily water purchased.

The primary function of the District's safe yield is to ensure an adequate supply of water for customers within the District's established service area. The District shall reserve a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) in addition to the existing water usage within the District's service area for future use. Safe yield assignments and reserves shall be reviewed by the District Board prior to the District entering any new water supply contracts which include reserved safe yield.

This ordinance shall not apply to any agreement in effect as of the effective date of this ordinance but shall apply to any future renewal or amendment of any such agreement.

District Board, or any of its Bureaus, Commissioners, or Committees. No former officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall represent anyone other than the District concerning any particular matter in which he/she participated personally and substantially while in District service. Nothing in this section shall prohibit or restrict an officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee from appearing before the District Board or any of its Bureaus or Committees, on his/her own behalf, or from being a party in any action, proceeding or litigation brought by or against the officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee to which the District is a party.

(Adopted January 16, 1996)

(Revised January 10, 2022)

B6d DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall engage in or participate in any business or transaction, including outside employment with a private business, or pursue an interest, directly or indirectly, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official responsibilities in the public interest or which would tend to impair his or her independent judgment or action in the performance of official responsibilities.

- (a) If any officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee has a personal interest, or a member of his/her immediate family has a financial or personal interest, in any matter coming before, or which has been before, the District Board, or any of its Bureaus, Commissions or Committees, or if there is any matter, the consummation of which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties, such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall so advise such body. If such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee is a member of such body, he or she shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in the consideration of such matter or any determination in connection therewith by such body, and shall not be present at any executive session of such body at which such matter is considered. Notwithstanding the prohibition in subsection (a), such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee may vote or otherwise participate in a matter if it involves a determination of general policy and the interest is shared with a substantial segment of the population of the municipality; provided, in the case of a Commissioner, said Commissioner shall not preside over any meeting or hearing involving such matter.
- (b) On or before January 31 of each year or within thirty (30) days of appointment, each Commissioner and Citizen member shall file an acknowledgment of the Code of Ethics and Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interests, on a form to be provided by the Office of District Counsel.

The statement shall include the following information regarding the individual required to file the statement and the individual's immediate family:

- (1) A disclosure of any business transaction with the District;

- (2) The disclosure of any business or family relationship with any Commissioner, Citizen Member, officer or employee of the District;
- (3) The disclosure of any family relationship with any third-parties having a business relationship with the District (i.e., a family member acting as an officer, employee or member of third-party);
- (4) An affirmative attestation that the Citizen Member or Commissioner is in full compliance with all eligibility requirements for said office;
- (5) A broad statement of disclosure of any other known potential conflicts of interest.

The statement filed pursuant to this section shall be a matter of public information. Any individual who is unable to provide information required under the provisions this section by reason of impossibility may petition the Ethics Advisory Board for a waiver of the requirements. Any individual who fails to file the statement of financial interests or other information as required by this section and is found by the Ethics Advisory Board to be in violation of this section, shall be reported to the District Board and to their respective appointing authority for possible action.

(Adopted January 16, 1996)

(Revised November 2, 2022)

B6e GIFTS AND FAVORS

No officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall solicit or accept any gift from: 1) any person, firm or corporation which to his or her knowledge is interested in any pending matter within such individual's official responsibility or is pending or to be presented, or has been presented, before the District Board or any of its Bureaus, Commissions, or Committees; and 2) any consultant or third-party contractor providing goods or services to the District.

If a prohibited gift is offered, the recipient must refuse it, and if delivered, the intended recipient must return it.

For purposes of this section, the term "gift" means anything of value, including entertainment, food, beverage, travel, and lodging given or paid to an officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee to the extent that consideration of equal or greater value is not received. A gift does not include:

- (1) a political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

**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.

To: Committee on MDC Government April 22, 2026

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> **