

PERSONNEL, PENSION AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, July 27, 2026

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, David Drake, Maureen Magnan, Petrel Maylor, Dominic Pane, Christopher Tierinni, and District Chairman Donald Currey (7)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Dimple Desai, Joan Gentile, Byron Lester and Edwin Vargas (4)

Absent: Commissioner Bhupen Patel (1)

Also

Present: Commissioner William DiBella
Commissioner Jackie Mandyck (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Victoria Escoriza, Interim District Clerk
John S. Mirtle, Assistant District Counsel
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Dave Rutty, Director of Operations
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Keith Sanabria, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Liz Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Magnan called the meeting to order at 4:30 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

The independent consumer advocate did not have any comments or questions.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Pane and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of July 13, 2026 were approved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RE: APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COUNSEL

At 4:33 PM, Chairwoman Magnan requested an executive session so that the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee members could discuss the pending appointment of District Counsel.

On a motion made by Commissioner Tierinni and duly seconded, the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee entered into executive session to discuss the pending appointment of District Counsel.

Those in attendance during the executive session:

Commissioners John Avedisian, Dimple Desai (Remote), David Drake, Joan Gentile (Remote), Byron Lester (Remote), Maureen Magnan, Petrel Maylor, Dominic Pane, Christopher Tierinni, Edwin Vargas (Remote) and District Chairman Donald Currey (11)

RECONVENE

At 5:12 P.M., Commissioner Pane made a motion to come out of executive session which was duly seconded. The Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee came out of executive session and reconvened. No formal action was taken.

Commissioner Vargas made a motion that the Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee presents a motion to the full District Board that John S. Mirtle be hired as District Counsel; that the contract is approved minus 2 addendums; and that it be done contingent upon approving his residency within a District town, on or before September 1st. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

DISTRICT COUNSEL - PROPOSED CONTRACT TERMS SUMMARY

Annual Salary: \$340,000.00 - Future increases must be approved by the District Board (Other than COLA which will be added annually as authorized by the District Board for E&E Employees ~~(equivalent \$174/- working hour)~~)

General Requirements/Benefits: Standard Benefits Package for all Executive Level Staff, unless specifically modified below:

Standard Health Benefits:	Anthem -- Blue Cross // Pro
Dental / Vision:	Century Preferred / Full Dental and Vision Coverage
Sick Time:	15 Days per calendar year (Loaded in January)
Holiday Time:	District's Published Holiday Calendar
Vacation:	20 days
Inclement Weather Days:	3 Days
Personal Leave:	10 Days

Life Insurance during tenure: \$500,000 policy paid by MDC (in addition to, not in lieu of, any other life insurance benefit generally available to other exempt and excluded employees)

~~Working Hours:~~ ~~Working Hours: Standard Working Hours~~

Retirement Vesting: Standard Benefits and, if eligible, participation in MDC's IRS Section 457(f) Plan, if available

Miscellaneous: MDC will provide Cell Phone, Laptop/Notebook/I-Pad and other ordinary and necessary business equipment

Start Date: September 1, 2026

Term of Contract: 12 Months; may be terminated by District without just cause, but triggers payment of balance of salary remaining for the balance of the term. Absent contrary action by the District Board on or before September 1, 2027, the term shall be extended for two years commencing September 1, 2027; provided on each anniversary date commencing September 1, 2028, and absent contrary action by the District Board, an additional year shall be added to the contract term so that contract term for District Counsel shall be two years.

~~Residency:~~ ~~Required by September 1, 2026~~

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate Liz Tavelli congratulated John Mirtle.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM

ATTEST:

Victoria S. Escoriza
Interim District Clerk

Date Approved

**Video of the full July 27, 2026 Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **