COMMISSION ON REGIONAL PLANNING
SPECIAL MEETING
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Present: Commissioners William A. DiBella, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Jackie Mandyck and District Chairman Donald M Currey (5)

Remote Attendance: Commissioners Alberto Cortes and Pasquale J. Salemi (2)

Absent: Commissioners Dimple Desai, David Drake and Bhupen Patel (3)

Also Present:
Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner John Gale
Commissioner Peter Gardow
Commissioner Petrel Maylor
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Christopher Tierinni (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
John S. Mirtle, District Counsel
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Escoriza, District Clerk
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources
Seth Koos, Director of Procurement
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Dave Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

CALL TO ORDER

District Chairman Donald Currey 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 & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli was not in attendance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

District Chairman Donald Currey called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Mandyck placed Commissioner Byron Lester's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Lester was elected Chairperson of the Commission on Regional Planning for 2026 and 2027 by unanimous vote of those present. Chairperson Lester assumed the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Lester called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Mandyck placed Commissioner Gary Johnson's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Gary Johnson was elected Vice Chairperson of the Commission on Regional Planning for 2026 and 2027.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of March 4, 2024 were approved.

DETERMINATION OF NEED OR BENEFIT FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE INC.

The Commission on Regional Planning held a discussion regarding the need or benefit of an agreement with Riverfront Recapture, Inc.

No action was taken.

REFERRAL TO DISTRICT COUNSEL TO DRAFT THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT

No action was taken.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioner requests for consideration of future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM

ATTEST:

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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Date of Approval

*Video of the full November 4, 2026 Commission on Regional Planning meeting is available at https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission**