THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
DISTRICT BOARD
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners John Avedisian, John Bazzano, William DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Gary Johnson, Byron Lester, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Petrel Maylor, Dominic Pane, James Woulfe and District Chairman Donald Currey (14)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Richard Bush, Alberto Cortes, Joan Gentile, Christian Hoheb, Pasquale J. Salemi, Chris Tierinni, and Edwin Vargas (8)

ABSENT: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Dimple Desai, Anthony DiLizia, James Healy, Maureen Magnan, Michael Maniscalco, Bhupen Patel, Calixto Torres, and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (9)

ALSO PRESENT:
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
John S. Mirtle, District Counsel
Victoria Escoriza, District Clerk
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance
Seth Koos, Director of Procurement
Suan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems
Dave Rutty, Director of Operations
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Keith Sanabria, IT Consultant
Amanda Litvak, Business Systems Analyst
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Currey called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

The District Clerk called the roll and informed the Chairman that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2026

On motion made by Commissioner Gale and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of October 5, 2026 were approved.

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 spoke in favor of the Water Bureau and Board of Finance resolutions regarding Generation Power CT.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

District Chairman Currey did not provide a report.

REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison thanked staff and the community for their work and patience during the recent work in North Hartford.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

District Counsel Mirtle did not provide a report.

REPORT RE: RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE

Mike Zaleski of Riverfront Recapture, Inc. provided a presentation.

REPORT RE: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SALE

Jonathan Perugini provided a presentation regarding the recent general obligation bond sale.

AUDITING OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

To: District Board November 4, 2026

At the September 8, 2025 District Board meeting, pursuant to Section 2-12 of the Compiled Charter of The Metropolitan District, the District Board delegated the task of

the 2025 audit, including appointment of an independent auditor, to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance selected CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("Auditor") as the successful respondent to RFP 2025R-08 and appointed CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the financial auditor for fiscal years 2025-2027 with the ability to exercise two additional one-year options for audit services for the 2028 and 2029 fiscal year audits.

It is **HEREBY**:

VOTED: That the District Board approve passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: In accordance with Section 2-12 of the Compiled Charter of The Metropolitan District, the District Board shall provide for the proper auditing of District accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and the Auditor shall submit its communications, completed audit and all related reports to the District Board as the body responsible for governance and audit oversight;

FURTHER RESOLVED: It is the will and intent of the District Board that Commissioners or Citizen Members shall not contact the Auditors directly. All communication must be sent to the District Clerk who will then forward that communication to the Auditor;

FURTHER RESOLVED: District Clerk Victoria S. Escoriza, or her successor, shall be the designated point of contact for all communications in any form between the District Board, Commissioners, Citizen Members and the Auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP;

FURTHER RESOLVED: Communications to/from the Auditor in furtherance of conducting the audit, such as requests for financial data or information, should be made through the Finance department, specifically Controller, Janet Murphy, or her successor;

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Auditor, Clifton Larson Allen LLP, shall be officially notified, via letter, as to the designated point of contact and protocol for communications with the District Board, Commissioners and Citizen Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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

Commissioners Adil and Salemi voted no.

BOARD OF FINANCE
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PROJECT LOAN AND PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENTS AND ONE OR MORE PROJECT LOAN AND PROJECT GRANT AND PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AGREEMENTS AND ANY AND ALL INTERIM FUNDING OBLIGATIONS AND PROJECT LOAN OBLIGATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $5,000,000 IN ORDER TO FUND A 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

To: District Board November 4, 2026

From: Board of Finance

Staff seeks approval to authorize the District to execute and deliver one or more project loan and project subsidy agreements and any and all interim funding obligations and project loan obligations in the amount not to exceed $5,000,000 in order to fund a 2023 capital improvement program project: related to a funding source for CWF 4006-C – Tower Avenue Sewer Separation.

The project loan and subsidy will fund the capital improvement program project for general purpose sewer program.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, the District Board approved that certain resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $144,573,750 FOR THE DISTRICT'S 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $144,573,750 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION" (the "Resolution") after the recommendation of the Board of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provides, among other things, an appropriation and bond authorization in the amount of $5,000,000 for the capital improvement program project set forth therein as No. 1 for the general purpose sewer program (the "Project"), as more particularly attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution further provides that "the District may issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness authorized hereby in the form of interim funding obligations in anticipation of project loan obligations….as the District Board shall determine, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter, following recommendation of the Board of Finance"; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution further states that "[t]he aggregate principal amount of the Clean Water Fund Obligations to be issued, the dated date, final maturity, rate or rates of interest, the date, time of issue and sale and all other terms, details and particulars of such Clean Water Fund Obligations, subject to the provisions of the Clean Water Fund Program, shall be determined by the District Board, following a recommendation of the Board of Finance"; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-5 of the District's Charter also requires that "the resolution for the issuance of such bonds, notes or other certificates of debt to be adopted by the district board shall designate such name or title for the issue as seems appropriate, set forth the amount of the issue and the purposes for which its avails are to be used and provide as to the form, interest payment periods, the amount of such bonds, notes or other certificates of debt, the date of issue and maturity, the method of registration, if any, and whether the same shall carry interest coupons or otherwise. Such resolution may also provide for the rate of interest or, upon recommendation of the board of finance of the district, the rate of interest may be fixed by the bidders for such bonds in multiples of one-twentieth of one per cent per annum, but in neither case shall the rate of interest exceed six per cent per annum"; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted and/or plans to submit one or more applications to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") to determine whether one or more of the Projects will be eligible for funding under the Clean Water Fund Program (as defined in the Resolution); and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of DEEP determining that the Project will be eligible under the Clean Water Fund Program, the District Board desires to (1) authorize the District to execute and deliver one or more Project Loan and Project Grant Agreements, one or more Project Loan and Project Grant and Principal Forgiveness Agreements, and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations in an aggregate amount not to exceed $5,000,000 in order to fund the Project described in the Resolution, and (2) make such other determinations of the particulars of any and all such Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations as described herein.
At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on October 26, 2026, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, are authorized to execute and deliver one or more Project Loan and Project Grant Agreements and one or more Project Loan and Project Grant and Principal Forgiveness Agreements, as applicable (each, an "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations in an aggregate amount not to exceed $5,000,000 to fund the Project described in the Resolution and determined by the DEEP as eligible under the Clean Water Fund.

Section 2. The Interim Funding Obligations shall be identified in a manner consistent with the Resolution and the applications submitted to DEEP, dated as of their date of issue, incorporate the amount of issue and the specific Project(s) to be funded, and shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, as defined in each Agreement, shall bear interest at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in each Agreement,

and to the extent not paid prior to maturity from District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in each Agreement.

Section 3. The Project Loan Obligations shall be identified in a manner consistent with the Resolution and the applications submitted to DEEP, dated as of their date of issue, incorporate the amount of issue and the specific Project(s) to be funded, and shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest in monthly installments, all as provided in each Agreement.

Section 4. The prior actions by the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, and the District Treasurer, or in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer, in furtherance of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in each Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria S Escoriza
Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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

WATER BUREAU & BOARD OF FINANCE
2027 FUNDING LEVEL CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY GENERATION POWER CT

To: District Board November 4, 2026

From: Water Bureau and Board of Finance

In March 2018, the District Board created a Customer Assistance Program to be administered by Operation Fuel to provide customers with assistance to pay delinquent water bills. The District Board allocated $50,000 of which $44,000 was to be utilized for customer grants to pay customer water bills and $6,000 to be paid to Operation Fuel for administrative costs and fuel bank fees. Funding remained at $50,000 annually from 2018 through 2024. In the 2025 District budget, funding for the Customer Assistance Program was increased to $100,000 annual, inclusive of all administrative fees.

At a meeting of the Water Bureau held on October 26, 2026, it was:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To send the recommendation back to the Board of Finance, to increase the line item of Generation Power CT to $150,000 and leave it to the Board of Finance to consider additional increases, and not make any recommendations as to where the additional $50,000 comes from.

And at a meeting of the Board of Finance held on October 26, 2026, it was:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance of The Metropolitan District approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance refer the Water Bureaus' recommendation to the District Board.

It is now therefore recommended that it be:

VOTED: That the District Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Based on demonstrated customer need, funding in the 2027 District budget for the Customer Assistance Program be increased to $150,000 annually, inclusive of all administrative fees, and that the Board of Finance shall make recommendations regarding the source of funding for the increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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

WATER BUREAU
MODIFICATION OF CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CRITERIA
GENERATION POWER CT

To: District Board November 4, 2026

From: Water Bureau

At a meeting of the Water Bureau held on November 4, 2026, it was:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Customer Assistance Program grant awards be modified as follows:

Grant Amount

The maximum value of a once-per year customer grant is $400 per household; The grant amount shall not exceed the total amount due on the customer's water account at the time of grant award.

Customer grants shall be awarded on a tiered structure, based on the eligible customer's total past-due balance on their account at the time of grant award. The tiered grant awards are as follows:

Customer's Total Past-Due Balance	Grant Amount
Up to $300	$100
$301 - $600	$200
$601 - $900	$300
Over $900	$400

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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

Without objection, agenda items #15A: "Veronica Sanchez v. The Metropolitan District", 15B: "Elizabeth Nadolny v. Metropolitan District Commission" and 15C: "Demetria Jacobs v. City of Hartford, et al." were consolidated.

SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION
Veronica Sanchez v. The Metropolitan District

To: District Board November 4, 2026

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section B2f of the By-Laws of The Metropolitan District, the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District Counsel, or his designee, to settle the pending state lawsuit captioned ***VERONICA SANCHEZ v. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT***, Docket No. HHD-CV25-6197320S, for the sum of **Fourteen Thousand Dollars ($14,000.00)**, subject to the proper execution of any and all documents reasonably necessary to effect said settlement, including but not limited to a general release and the formal withdrawal of said action.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION
Elizabeth Nadolny v. Metropolitan District Commission

To: District Board November 4, 2026

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section B2f of the By-Laws of The Metropolitan District, the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District Counsel, or his designee, to settle the pending state lawsuit captioned ***ELIZABETH NADOLNY v. MDC, et al.***, Docket No. HHD-CV25-6198091S, for the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00)**, subject to the proper execution of any and all documents reasonably necessary to effect said settlement, including but not limited to a general release and the formal withdrawal of said action.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza
Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION
Demetria Jacobs v. City of Hartford, et al.

To: District Board November 4, 2026

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section B2f of the By-Laws of The Metropolitan District, the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District Counsel, or his designee, to settle the pending state lawsuit captioned ***DEMETRIA JACOBS v. CITY OF HARTFORD, et al.***, Docket No. HHD-CV24-6193858S, for the sum of **Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00)**, subject to the proper execution of any and all documents reasonably necessary to effect said settlement, including but not limited to a general release and the formal withdrawal of said action.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria S Escoriza
Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

On motion made by Commissioner Woulfe and duly seconded, items #15A: "Veronica Sanchez v. The Metropolitan District", 15B: "Elizabeth Nadolny v. Metropolitan District Commission" and 15C: "Demetria Jacobs v. City of Hartford, et al." were received and resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

PENDING LITIGATION
Arnaldo Correa v. The Metropolitan District

District Counsel Mirtle provided a brief update regarding pending litigation of Arnaldo Correa v. The Metropolitan District.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Salemi stated that he would like corrections made in response to alleged inaccuracies within the appointment of auditor resolution. Based on the suggestion of Chairman Currey, Commissioner Salemi will send specific questions to the District Clerk, who will forward them to District Counsel for review and response.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM

ATTEST:

Victoria S. Escoriza
District Clerk

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Date of Approval

*Video of the full November 4, 2026 District Board meeting is available at https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission**