

**Meeting**  
of  
**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Monday, January 7, 2008

**Present:** Commissioners D. Anwar Al-Ghani, Adam Cloud, Timothy Curtis, Kevin M. Deneen, William A. DiBella, Jamal R. Gatling, John M. Grottolo, Donna Hemmann, Allen Hoffman, William P. Horan, Joseph Klett, Joseph H. Kronen, Daniel E. Lilly, Michael J. Lupo, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Trude H. Mero, , John J. McAuliffe Jr., Mark A. Pappa, J. Lawrence Price, Albert F. Reichin, Hector M. Rivera, Pasquale J. Salemi, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin E. Taylor, Joseph Verrengia, Richard W. Vicino and Jeffrey A. Wright. (29)

**Absent:** None.

**Also**

**Present:** Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer  
Robert E. Moore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert Weimar, Chief of Program Management  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Operating Officer  
John Zinzarella, Chief Financial Officer  
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel  
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel  
Brendan M. Fox, Jr., Assistant District Counsel  
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to Chief Executive Officer  
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk  
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant  
Matthew A. Nozzolio, Public Affairs Specialist  
Ruth Hobbs, Camp Dresser and McKee, Consultant  
Gerry Benson, Camp Dresser and McKee, Consultant  
Ronald Armstrong of Hartford  
Michelle Brown of Hartford  
Clarence Corbin of Hartford  
Jeff Cohen, Reporter, Hartford Courant  
Rick Green, Columnist, Hartford Courant  
Clarke King of Hartford  
Susan Kniep of East Hartford  
Kathy & Joe Lombardo of East Hartford  
Inis Pegis of Hartford  
Paul Nonnenmacher, Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by District Counsel, Attorney R. Bartley Halloran at 5:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

District Clerk called the roll and informed Attorney Halloran 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.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN  
COMMISSIONER WILLIAM A. DIBELLA ELECTED DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

District Counsel, Attorney Halloran, introduced himself and stated that he would Chair the organization portion of the Agenda to include election of the Chairman.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Joseph H. Kronen and seconded to move Agenda Item # 10, Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items prior to Agenda Item # 3, Election of Chairman.***

***Attorney Halloran stated that this motion is not debatable and would require a two-thirds majority vote of the body.***

***Commissioner Kronen stated a Point of Order and was recognized by Attorney Halloran. Commissioner Kronen stated for clarification that his motion to move the agenda item was not debatable.***

***Attorney Halloran requested Assistant District Counsel Christopher Stone address the Point of Order. Attorney Stone stated that the motion is not debatable, as it is incidental to the main motion and it is "non-debatable."***

***Attorney Halloran stated that was the final ruling of the Chair.***

Attorney Halloran directed the District Clerk to call the roll to vote on the motion to move Agenda Item # 10 prior to Agenda Item #3. He further clarified that a "Yes" vote would indicate support for the motion and a "No" vote would indicate opposition to the motion.

The result of the roll call:

**YES:** Commissioners Kevin M. Deneen, Jamal R. Gatling, Donna Hemmann, Allen Hoffman, Joseph H. Kronen, Daniel E. Lilly, Michael J. Lupo, John J. McAuliffe, Jr., Mark A. Pappa, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy, and Jeffrey A. Wright. (12)

**NO:** Commissioners D. Anwar Al-Ghani, Adam Cloud, Timothy Curtis, William A. DiBella, John M. Grottole, William Horan, Joseph Klett, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Trude H. Mero, J. Lawrence Price, Albert F. Reichin, Pasquale J. Salemi, Alvin E. Taylor, Joseph Verrengia and Richard W. Vicino. (16)

**Absent and Not Voting:** Commissioner Hector M. Rivera. (1)

*Before the results were announced, Commissioner Kevin M. Deneen raised a parliamentary inquiry to the fact that Robert's Rules of Order states that in order to vote one must be physically present at a legally called meeting unless it is specifically permitted by the by-laws. Commissioner Deneen inquired to the Chair if the District By-Laws had been amended to permit voting by individuals who are not physically present.*

*The inquiry by Commissioner Deneen was raised due to the fact that Commissioners William Horan and Maureen Magnan were using teleconferencing capability and not physically present at the District Board meeting.*

*Attorney Halloran requested Attorney Stone address Commissioner Deneen's inquiry. Attorney Stone stated that although a general rule under Robert's Rules of Order, the Freedom of Information (FOI) statutes provides to the contrary. The FOI statutes take precedence over the general Robert's Rules that the District uses as a "guidepost" to conduct meetings. Attorney Stone stated that under FOI, the Commissioner's who were voting by telephone, as we had allowed for in the past, are authorized to participate and vote at the District Board meeting.*

*Attorney Halloran stated that was the final rule from the Chair.*

*Attorney Halloran announced that the motion to move Agenda Item # 10, Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items prior to Agenda Item # 3, Election of Chairman had failed.*

Attorney Halloran announced the election of a District Chairman was in order, and called for nominations.

***Commissioner J. Lawrence Price made a motion, that was duly seconded, to limit the amount of time given to all nominating speeches, specifically five minutes would be allowed for primary nominating speeches and three minutes or less for secondary nominating speeches, and each voting member only be allowed to speak once.***

***Attorney Stone stated that the motion was amendable but not debatable.***

***Commissioner Deneen made a motion to amend for the purpose of not limiting each voting member to speaking only once in the incident of discussion after the nominations.***

***Attorney Halloran ruled on the proposed amendment that there is no discussion allowed during election and only nominating and seconding.***

***Commissioner Deneen's motion to amend was withdrawn.***

***The original motion was adopted by vote of those present.***

***Commissioner Daniel E. Lilly opposed this item.***

Commissioner Reichin placed Commissioner William A. DiBella's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

Commissioner Wright placed Commissioner Daniel E. Lilly's name in nomination.

***Commissioner Kronen requested to be on record as appealing the Chair's decision to allow Commissioners Horan and Magnan to cast their votes during this election by phone which is a contradiction to the very specific rules set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.***

***Attorney Halloran stated that he had already rendered a decision and if there were no second nominations for Commissioner Lilly he would go to voting.***

***For the record, Commissioner Horan arrived in chamber at 5:46 P.M., and would physically be present to cast his vote.***

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed by unanimous vote of those present; Attorney Halloran directed the District Clerk to call the

roll and requested each Commissioner to indicate a vote for either Commissioner DiBella or Commissioner Lilly.

The results of the roll call:

**For Commissioner DiBella:** Commissioners D. Anwar Al-Ghani, Adam Cloud, Timothy Curtis, William A. DiBella, John M. Grottole, William P. Horan, Joseph Klett, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Trude H. Mero, J. Lawrence Price, Albert F. Reichin, Pasquale J. Salemi, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin E. Taylor, Joseph Verrengia and Richard W. Vicino. (17)

**For Commissioner Lilly:** Commissioners Kevin M. Deneen, Jamal R. Gatling, Donna Hemmann, Allen Hoffman, Joseph H. Kronen, Daniel E. Lilly, Michael J. Lupo, John J. McAuliffe, Jr., Mark A. Pappa, Michael Seder and Jeffrey A. Wright. (11)

**Absent and not voting:** Commissioner Hector M. Rivera. (1)

The District Clerk tallied the votes and informed Attorney Halloran of the results. At that time, Attorney Halloran declared that Commissioner William A. DiBella of Hartford had been elected Chairman of the District Board of The Metropolitan District for 2008 and 2009.

Chairman DiBella assumed the Chair and expressed his gratitude to the members of the Commission for their support and confidence in re-electing him Chairman for the next two years.

### **Election of Vice Chairman**

#### **COMMISSIONER MAUREEN MAGNAN ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman DiBella called for the election of the Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Price placed Commissioner Maureen Magnan's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

Commissioner Kronen placed Commissioner Allen Hoffman's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed by unanimous vote of those present; the Chairman directed the District Clerk to call the roll and requested each Commissioner to indicate a vote for either Commissioner Magnan or Commissioner Hoffman.

The results of the roll:

**For Commissioner Magnan:** Commissioners D. Anwar Al-Ghani, Adam Cloud, Timothy Curtis, William A. DiBella, John M. Grottole, William Horan, Joseph Klett, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Trude H. Mero, J. Lawrence Price, Albert F. Reichin, Pasquale J. Salemi, Alvin E. Taylor, Joseph Verrengia, and Richard W. Vicino. (16)

**For Commissioner Hoffman:** Commissioners Kevin M. Deneen, Jamal R. Gatling, Donna Hemmann, Allen Hoffman, Joseph H. Kronen, Daniel E. Lilly, Michael J. Lupo, John J. McAuliffe, Jr., Mark A. Pappa, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy, and Jeffrey A. Wright. (12)

**Absent and not voting:** Commissioner Hector M. Rivera. (1)

The District Clerk tallied the votes and informed the Chairman of the results; and Chairman DiBella declared that Commissioner Maureen Magnan had been elected Vice Chairman of the District Board of The Metropolitan District for 2008 and 2009.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION**

By authority of the standing vote and the District's By-Laws, District Chairman DiBella appointed the following Commissioners to the Committee on Organization:

Commissioner Adam Cloud  
Commissioner William Horan  
Commissioner Alphonse Marotta  
Commissioner Trude H. Mero  
Commissioner Hector M. Rivera  
Commissioner Raymond Sweezy  
Commissioner Alvin E. Taylor  
Commissioner Joseph Verrengia  
Commissioner Richard W. Vicino

### **RECESS**

At 6:04 P.M., District Chairman DiBella recessed the District Board meeting to enable the Committee on Organization to prepare its report on appointments for 2008 and 2009.

### **RECONVENE**

At 6:25 P.M., District Chairman DiBella reconvened the meeting of the District Board.

**REASSEMBLY AND REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION  
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2008 AND 2008**

**From:** Committee on Organization

**To:** District Board January 7, 2008

At a meeting of the Committee on Organization, held on January 7, 2008,  
it was

**Voted:** That the Committee on Organization recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That the following Commissioners and Citizen Members be appointed to the Bureaus, Boards, Committees and Commissions indicated for the years 2008 and 2009:

**Bureau of Public Works**

D. Anwar Al-Ghani  
Adam Cloud  
Kevin M. Deneen  
Jamal R. Gatling  
Donna Hemmann  
Allen Hoffman  
William Horan  
Joseph Klett  
Joseph H. Kronen  
Michael J. Lupo  
Maureen Magnan  
Alphonse Marotta  
Trude H. Mero  
Lawrence J. Price  
Albert F. Reichin  
Hector M. Rivera  
Raymond Sweezy  
Alvin E. Taylor  
Richard W. Vicino  
Jeffrey A. Wright

**Water Bureau**

Timothy Curtis  
John M. Grottolo  
Joseph Klett  
Daniel E. Lilly  
John J. McAuliffe, Jr.  
Trude H. Mero  
Mark A. Pappa  
Pasquale J. Salemi  
Michael Seder  
Raymond Sweezy  
Joseph Verrengia

**Board of Finance**

D. Anwar Al-Ghani  
Adam Cloud  
Allen Hoffman  
William Horan  
Citizen Members:  
Daniel A. Camilliere  
Martin Courneen  
Linda King-Corbin  
Terrance Kitchen  
Richard T. Mulready

**Committee on MDC Government**

Kevin M. Deneen  
William Horan  
Maureen Magnan  
Alphonse Marotta  
Trude M. Mero  
J. Lawrence Price  
Albert F. Reichin  
Hector M. Rivera  
Alvin E. Taylor  
Joseph Verrengia

**Personnel, Pension and Insurance Committee**

Timothy Curtis  
John M. Grottolo  
Donna Hemmann  
William Horan  
Maureen Magnan  
Trude H. Mero  
J. Lawrence Price  
Albert F. Reichin  
Pasquale J. Salemi

Raymond Sweezy  
Alvin E. Taylor  
Joseph Verrengia

**Community Affairs Committee**

Kevin M. Deneen  
John M. Grottale  
Allen Hoffman  
Joseph Kronen  
Maureen Magnan  
Albert F. Reichin  
Hector M. Rivera  
Michael Seder  
Raymond Sweezy  
Alvin E. Taylor

**Commission on Regional Planning**

Adam Cloud  
Timothy Curtis  
Joseph M. Grottale  
Joseph H. Kronen  
Alphonse Marotta  
Raymond Sweezy  
Citizen Members:  
Harry B. Schaechter

**Subcommittee on Diversity**

Adam Cloud  
Timothy Curtis  
Jamal R. Gatling  
John M. Grottale  
Donna Hemmann  
Allen Hoffman  
Joseph Klett  
Albert F. Reichin  
Hector M. Rivera  
Raymond Sweezy  
Alvin E. Taylor

**Audit Committee**

D. Anwar Al-Ghani  
Timothy Curtis  
Allen Hoffman  
Alphonse Marotta  
John J. McAuliffe Jr.  
Mark A. Pappa

Alvin E. Taylor  
Joseph Verrengia  
Richard W. Vicino

**CRRRA Steering Committee**

D. Anwar Al-Ghani  
Jamal R. Gatling  
William Horan  
Maureen Magnan  
Trude M. Mero  
Pasquale Salemi  
Alvin E. Taylor  
Joseph Verrengia

**Strategic Planning Committee**

D. Anwar Al-Ghani  
Adam Cloud  
Donna Hemmann  
Alphonse Marotta  
John J. McAuliffe Jr.  
J. Lawrence Price  
Albert F. Reichin  
Pasquale J. Salemi  
Michael Seder  
Alvin E. Taylor  
Joseph Verrengia  
Richard W. Vicino  
Jeffrey A. Wright

**Farmington River Watershed Committee**

Timothy Curtis  
Jamal R. Gatling  
Mark A. Pappa  
Hector M. Rivera  
Jeffery A. Wright

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine C. Shaw  
District Clerk

***On a motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, the reading of the appointments into the record was waived by unanimous vote of those present.***

***On a motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote of those present.***

**Commissioner Hector Rivera arrived in chamber at 6:35 P.M.**

### **RECESS**

If there were no objection, Chairman DiBella requested to forgo Agenda Item #8 and #9 and allow all District Bureaus, Boards, Committees and Commissions to organize at their next scheduled meeting.

There was no objection to Chairman DiBella's request.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

For the record, Chairman DiBella stated that individuals wishing to make remarks would be allotted three minutes.

The following individuals from the public appeared to be heard before the District Board:

Susan Kniep of 50 Olde Roberts Street, East Hartford  
Kathy Lombardo of 334 Maple Street, East Hartford  
Inis Pegis of 201 Flatbush Avenue, Hartford  
Clarke King of 31 Euclid Street, Hartford  
Michelle Brown of 61 Kenyon Street, Hartford  
Ronald Armstrong of Hartford

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lilly stated that since the District meeting was relatively short this evening that it may be appropriate for the Program Management Unit (PMU) to provide an update of the Clean Water Project.

Chairman DiBella stated that all Commissioners would be present the following evening for either the Water Bureau or Bureau of Public Works and offered the update at that time.

Commissioner Lilly had no objection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

Kristine C. Shaw  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval