

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Laurel, Maryland

Chair Omar M. Boulware called the special meeting to order at 4:09 p.m., in the Commissioners' Conference Room, of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (hereinafter "WSSC"), Richard G. Hocevar Building, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707, with due notice having been given to all members of the Commission and the public. In addition to the Chair, Vice Chair Adrienne A. Mandel was also present in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room while Commissioners Gene W. Counihan and Mary Hopkins Navies, participated by telephone. WSSC Corporate Secretary Sheila R. Finlayson, Esquire, who facilitated the meeting and recorded the minutes, was present in person, along with General Manager Jerry N. Johnson, General Counsel Jerome K. Blask and Intergovernmental Relations Director Michael Stroud.

The Chair asked the Corporate Secretary to conduct a roll call to confirm the Commissioner attendees present by phone, and following such action, the Corporate Secretary declared the presence of a quorum, with four Commissioners in attendance and two absent (Commissioners Chris Lawson and Roscoe M. Moore, Jr. - absent from meeting).

The Chair then stated the purpose of the special meeting, which is to receive an update from management on the Commission's 2015 Legislative Agenda and consider any related recommendations.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Mandel moved to adopt the Agenda for the Special Commission Public Meeting of Wednesday, February 11, 2015, as drafted. Commissioner Navies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary, resulting in four votes in the affirmative from the following Commissioners: Omar Boulware, Adrienne Mandel, Gene Counihan and Mary Hopkins Navies. Commissioners Chris Lawson and Roscoe Moore were absent from the vote.

The motion carried by a vote of four-to-zero, with two absent.

OPEN SESSION

2015 Legislative Agenda Update. Intergovernmental Relations Director Michael Stroud and General Counsel Jerome Blask briefed Commissioners on recent developments concerning WSSC-sponsored and non-sponsored pending legislation before the 2015 Maryland General Assembly.

The General Counsel reported on two bills being proposed by Delegate Conaway and Senator Zirkin related to the Local Government Tort Claims Act (LGTCA) that management is recommending the Commission oppose: House Bill 113 - LGTCA - Limits on Liability and Senate Bill 147 - LGTCA and Maryland Tort Claims Act - Repeal of Certain Notice Requirements.

Following discussion, and on motion made by Commissioner Counihan and seconded by Commissioner Mandel, the Commission voted four-to-zero (with two absent), to take the position of "Oppose" on House Bill 113 - LGTCA - Limits on Liability, as recommended by management.

The Commission also voted four-to-zero (two absent) to oppose Senate Bill 147 - LGTCA - Repeal of Certain Notice Requirements, as recommended by management (Commissioner Counihan - mover; Commissioner Navies - seconder).

IRO Director Michael Stroud then provided an update on the WSSC-sponsored Commission Member Annual Salary Bill - MC/PG 108-15.

Mr. Stroud shared that the bill recently has received some opposition in the Prince George's County delegation and following his report, the Commission voted four-to-zero, with two absent, to withdraw MC/PG 108-15 - WSSC - Members Annual Salary (Commissioner Counihan - mover; Commissioner Mandel - seconder).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, whereby, Commissioner Counihan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mandel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary resulting in four aye votes from the following Commissioners: Omar Boulware, Gene

Counihan, Adrienne Mandel and Mary Hopkins Navies (Motion carried).

At 4:30 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila R. Finlayson, Esq.
Corporate Secretary