

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016  
Laurel, Maryland**

Chair Fausto R. Bayonet (participating by telephone) called the special meeting to order at 2:04 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; Commissioners Omar M. Boulware, Howard A. Denis, T. Eloise Foster and Chris Lawson, also participated by telephone. WSSC Corporate Secretary Sheila R. Finlayson (who facilitated the meeting and recorded the minutes), along with WSSC Deputy General Manager Monica Johnson (acting in General Manager Carla Reid's absence), General Counsel Amanda Conn and Intergovernmental Relations Office (IRO) Director Karyn Riley, were present in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The Chairman asked the Corporate Secretary to conduct a roll call to confirm the Commissioner attendees by telephone, and following such action, the Corporate Secretary declared the presence of a quorum, with five Commissioners in attendance and one absent (Commissioner Thomasina V. Rogers).

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chairman stated the purpose of the special meeting, which is to receive a briefing from the IRO Director on pending legislation affecting the Commission along with proposed management recommendations for Commission consideration.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Foster moved to adopt the Agenda for the Special Commission Public Meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2016, as drafted. Commissioner Denis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary, resulting in five votes in the affirmative from the following Commissioners: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Howard Denis, Eloise Foster and Chris Lawson.

**The motion carried by a vote of five-to-zero with one absent.  
Commissioner Thomasina Rogers was absent from the meeting/vote.**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**Vote on Recommended Positions.** IRO Director Karyn Riley, along with General Counsel Amanda Conn, provided an update on the following legislation currently moving through the 2017 Maryland General Assembly Session and affecting the Commission with management recommending that the Commission take the noted positions below:

- MC/PG 101-17 - WSSC - Service Rates (Support w/Amendment); this bill will allow the creation of customer classes under the WSSC Rate Structure;
- MC/PG 102-17 - WSSC - Discrimination - Prohibited (Support); this bill will expand WSSC's existing anti-discrimination policy found in Public Utilities Article Section 17-402 to align with State Law (Md. Code Section 20-606 - Unlawful Employment Practices);
- MC/PG 104-17 - WSSC - System Development Charge - Exemptions (Support w/Amendment); this bill expands System Development Charges (SDC) exemptions to nonprofits with missions of youth/recreation services; childcare and distilleries, breweries and wineries.

Management reported from position memoranda provided in advance materials to Commissioners and incorporated herein by reference, which summarized each bill and management's rationale for the related position recommendations/amendments.

**Following discussion and on motion made by Commissioner Boulware and seconded by Commissioner Lawson, the Commission voted five-to-zero (with one absent), to take the following positions on the following proposed legislation for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly Session, as recommended by management:**

- MC/PG 101-17 - WSSC - Service Rates (Support w/Amendment);
- MC/PG 102-17 - WSSC - Discrimination - Prohibited (Support as written); and,
- MC/PG 104-17 - WSSC - System Development Charge - Exemptions (Support w/Amendment).

The motion carried with the following Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Howard Denis, Eloise Foster and Chris Lawson. Commissioner Thomasina Rogers was absent from the meeting/vote.

Commissioner Denis commented that he hopes WSSC's support of the bills will strengthen WSSC's relationship with its councilmembers and other elected officials/legislators, alluding to issues WSSC had faced in the past with regard to its positions on similar non-sponsored legislation. Such bills are scheduled to come before the Montgomery County Delegation on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 [tomorrow] at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, whereby, Commissioner Foster moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boulware seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary resulting in five aye votes from the following Commissioners: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Howard Denis, Eloise Foster and Chris Lawson.

At 2:35 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila R. Finlayson, Esq.  
Corporate Secretary