

MIRA Dissolution Authority Finance Committee
February 6, 2024
Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee of the MIRA Dissolution Authority was held on February 6, 2024. Present in person or via video or audio conferencing were:

Committee Present: Paul Harrington (Committee Chairperson)
Bill Beccaro (arrived late)
Matt Dayton (via Zoom)
Dave Steuber
Bert Hunter (ex Officio – Board of Directors Chairperson)

Other Directors Present: Sarah McCoy
Joseph DeNicola (via Zoom)
Carl Fortuna (via Zoom)

Other Members Present: William DiBella (via Zoom)

Authority Staff Present; Mark Daley, President and CFO
Roger Guzowski, Supply Chain Manager
Cheryl Kaminsky, Comptroller (via Zoom)
Tom Gaffey, Director of Recycling and Enforcement (via zoom)
Chris Shepard, Environmental Compliance Manager
Dave Bodendorf, Manager of Engineering, Construction and Power Assets

Note: The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at www.ctmira.org/board-documents/mira-dissolution-authority-board-documents/mira-dissolution-authority-finance-meetings

Committee Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 9:33a.m.

1. MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO AGENDA

Following a roll call, Committee Chair Harrington requested before public comment begins that an item be added to the agenda as 9a, and made the motion to add the **Resolution For The Finance Committee Of The MIRA Dissolution Authority Board Of Directors Regarding The Identification Of Persons To Review Proposals Submitted in Response To Request For Proposals For Independent Auditing Services**. The motion was seconded by Director Dayton.

Motion to add the agenda item was approved by roll-call vote:

	Raised	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Paul Harrington, Committee Chair	X		X		

Bill Beccaro					Not yet joined
Matt Dayton		X	X		
David Steuber					Not yet joined

With that item added to the agenda Committee Chair Harrington proceeded to public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Steuber joined the meeting in person just before Public Comment began.

Three members of the public requested to provide public comment.

Diana Heymann indicated that she was here as a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance and that she was born and raised in the South End of Hartford. She expressed that she should be in the classroom, is passionate about her kids and wants to make sure that the South Meadows site is remediated for the children of Hartford. She indicated that she wanted to make sure that all funds that can possibly be put to that end are, and not used for any other purposes.

Elaine Betoncourt indicated that she is a sister of Saint Joseph, a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance and a resident of the South End of Hartford. Ms. Betoncourt expressed concern about the pollution created and all the trucks that she saw on her way over to submit public comment. She expressed her belief that the Board should do all in its power to remediate the South Meadows site, and hopes that they won't spend down any reserves supporting a few towns.

Judy Sullivan indicated that she is also a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. She asked the Committee to vote against their proposition today of funding the tipping fees for the remaining towns to preserve the money for the remediation of the South Meadows Site.

At the conclusion of the Public Comment, Committee Chairperson Harrington proceeded with the remainder of the agenda.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVIE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2024 MEETING

The motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting of the Finance Committee was raised by Director Dayton and seconded by Director Steuber. The minutes were approved by roll call:

	Raised	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Paul Harrington, Committee Chair			X		
Bill Beccaro					Not yet joined
Matt Dayton	X		X		

Dave Steuber		X	X		
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4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair Harrington requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss i) the sale of real estate owned by the Authority in Hartford, Watertown, Ellington and Shelton and any pending consummation, termination or abandonment of all transactions or proceedings concerning any such sale and ii) preliminary draft feasibility estimates and evaluations relative to public supply contracts associated with operation of the Connecticut Solid Waste System.

The motion to enter Executive Session was raised by Director Steuber and seconded by Director Dayton. All of the Directors and Members in attendance in person or via Zoom were invited to participate in the Executive Session. In addition, President Daley was invited for the entire Executive Session and Mr. Bodendorf and Mr. Guzowski were invited for the initial part of the discussion regarding real estate properties but dismissed from Executive Session thereafter.

The motion to enter Executive Session approved by roll call vote:

	Raised	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Paul Harrington, Committee Chair			X		
Bill Beccaro					Not yet joined
Matt Dayton		X	X		
Dave Steuber	X		X		

The Committee entered Executive Session at 9:43am. Director Beccaro joined the meeting in the Executive Session. The Committee came out Executive Session at 10:51am. No votes or actions were taken in the Executive Session.

5. TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

After executive session, Committee Chair Harrington requested that Agenda items 5-8 be tabled and that no budget votes be taken at this time. The request to table those agenda items was unanimously approved by the Committee.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS TO REVIEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES.

Committee Chair Harrington requested a motion on the above referenced item which had been previously added to the agenda.

President Daley explained to the Committee that the Authority has undertaken an RFP for Independent Auditing Services and that part of the Authority’s procedures require the Finance Committee to name the persons to review those proposals. President Daley recommended those reviewers be Barbara Dillon, Lead Accountant; David Bodendorf Manager of Engineering, Construction and Power Assets; and Roger Guzowski, Supply Chain Manager, assisted as needed by Cheryl Kaminsky, Comptroller. The item was raised by Director Steuber and seconded by Director Beccaro. The resolution was approved by roll call:

	Raised	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Paul Harrington, Committee Chair			X		
Bill Beccaro		X	X		
Matt Dayton			X		
Dave Steuber	X		X		

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Committee Chair Harrington raised the informational reports for the period ending December 31 that were included in the Committee Package and asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding those informational reports. There were no questions regarding the reports.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Committee Chair Harrington requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Director Beccaro and seconded by Director Steuber. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.