



**MEETING OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
AND
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 07, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **CITY COUNCIL** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at westfieldtv.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

The Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present. All six Municipal Light Board Commissioners were present.

President Bean announced the purpose of the joint meeting was to fill the Vacancy of the Ward 5 Municipal Light Board Member. Applicants will be given three minutes to make a public statement relative to their interest in the position.

The applicants are as follows:

Meghan Kane, 30 Plantation Circle

Joseph Mitchell, 153 Munger Hill Road

Brian Richards, 60 Pineridge Drive

Ms. Meghan Kane, 30 Plantation Circle addressed the Council and Commissioners. She thanked Councilors and Commissioners for the opportunity to address them. She informed everyone that that she was born in Westfield and has lived her whole life in Westfield. She and her husband are raising their three daughters in Westfield. Public Service has always been important to her and serving on the Municipal Light Board would be a great chance to help out the City and the Gas and Electric. Most recently she worked for the City of Westfield as the Treasurer/Collector (2012-2018) and it was a privilege an honor to work for the City and help impact the way she grew up. While working for the City as the Treasurer/Collector she worked in finances for the City, had some involvement with the Gas and Electric, served on the OPEB Committee, Insurance Trust Committee which serves the City and the Gas and Electric and reviewed financial statements that dealt with the Gas and Electric. Prior to working for the City she was an auditor. She thanked everyone for their time and informed

them that she values public service highly and would love the opportunity to serve on the MLB board and would appreciate their vote.

Mr. Joseph Mitchell, 153 Munger Hill Road addressed the Council and Commissioners. He thanked Councilors and Commissioners for the opportunity to address them. He informed everyone that he has been a resident of Westfield for 25 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He has worked for the City of Westfield as a member and Chair of the Airport Commission, Veterans' Services Officer and as the City Advancement Officer. Currently employed by Eversource as a Community Relations & Economic Development Specialist. He previously was a Manufacturing Manager involved in the power generation and distribution needs of the plant. He informed the Council he has been before Boards and understands how they work in the City of Westfield. He informed the Council that as an Eversource employee he has a comprehensive understanding of an investor owned utility and can bring those attributes to the Municipal Light Board. His community service includes Boy Scouts, Little League, Youth Soccer and Wright Flight. He is a decorated combat Air Force Veteran. He informed the Council that his employment with Eversource is not a conflict of interest because Eversource is investor owned utility and the Westfield Gas and Electric is a Municipal utility owned by the ratepayers. And the VP of Eversource agreed there was no conflict. There is some transmission equipment from Eversource in town and it will be another 25 years before any work is done on it.

Mr. Brian Richards, 60 Pineridge Drive. He thanked Councilors and Commissioners for the opportunity to address them. He informed the Council he was the Chief Financial Officer for the Holyoke Gas & Electric Department for 10 years, before retiring in 2018 and that he could add value to the Municipal Light Board. He is familiar with electric, gas and high speed fiber issues. As the CFO he was responsible for purchasing, payroll, human resources, strategic planning, all financial related activities such as accounting, finance, annual audits. He worked with the City Treasurer on issues such as a bond preparation that allowed the department to obtain \$50,000,000 bond issue at a premium and at a low interest rate. As a ratepayer in Westfield, he has a vested interest for the success of Westfield Gas and Electric. He is familiar with environmental and regulatory regulations. He was a member of the Fire Commission, works with the Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, currently serving on the Genesis Spiritual Center board, founding board member of the Westfield Youth Lacrosse organization for boys and girls, coached several different sports and also served on the board of the Williston Northampton Parents Association.

President Bean thanked all three applicants. He informed the Council that the winning applicant must receive 10 votes. No one will be eliminated. An applicant may withdraw at any time. The voting will continue until one applicant receives 10 votes. He informed the Council that nominations will be needed.

Councilor Harris informed the Council that she will be abstaining due to a decade's long financial and family relationship with one of the applicants.

Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she filed a Conflict of Interest Disclosure with the City Clerk relative to a distant family relationship with one of the applicants and that she can perform her duties as a City Councilor in the appointment of the Ward 5 MLB member.

President Bean asked if anyone had a comment prior to voting.

Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she is consistently impressed with the people that serve on the boards/commissions. She would like to promote greater diversity on boards/commissions relative to the results it can produce. Commissioner Sacco thanked for all three applicants for applying and all are qualified. Councilor Flaherty everyone for applying and each one is qualified well-known. He will be nominating Mr. Richards but will support whoever wins. Commissioner Sacco agreed that all three applicants are well qualified.

Councilor Flaherty nominated Mr. Richards and it was duly seconded.

Commissioner nominated Mr. Mitchell and it was duly seconded.

Councilor Matthews-Kane nominated Ms. Kane and it was duly seconded.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the above three applicants be NOMINATED.

James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Yes
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Yes
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Yes
A. Edward Roman (MLB)	Yes
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes

The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Mitchell
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Kane
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Kane
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
B. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Kane

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. No applicant responded. With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 2. The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Kane
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Kane
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Kane
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
C. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. No applicant responded. With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 3. The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Kane
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Mitchell
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Kane
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
D. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. No applicant responded. With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 4. The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Mitchell
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Mitchell
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Kane
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
E. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. No applicant responded. With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 5. The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Mitchell
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Mitchell
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Kane
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
F. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. No applicant responded. With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 6. The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Kane
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Kane
Ralph Figy	Mitchell
Dave Flaherty	Richards
Cindy Harris	Abstained
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Mitchell
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Richards
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Richards
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Kane
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
G. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

President Bean asked if any applicant would like to withdraw. Ms. Kane withdrew her name at this point. She thanked Councilor Matthews-Kane for calling out the make up of the Commission and agreed more women should be on the board. She thanked everyone for their support.

With no applicant reaching 10 votes, President Bean requested the Clerk call the roll for round 7.

The vote for Municipal Light Board for Ward 5 resulted as follows:

James Adams	Mitchell
Dan Allie	Richards
Brent Bean II	Mitchell
John Beltrandi III	Richards
Michael Burns	Mitchell
Ralph Figy	Mitchell
Dave Flaherty	Mitchell
Cindy Harris	Mitchell
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Mitchell
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Mitchell
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Richards
Kristen Mello	Richards
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Mitchell
William Onyski	Mitchell
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Mitchell
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Mitchell
H. Edward Roman (MLB)	Mitchell
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Mitchell
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Mitchell

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: For reconsideration for unanimous support of Mitchell.

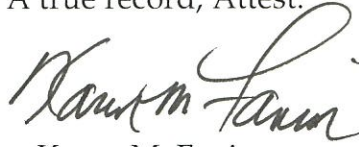
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Yes
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Yes
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Yes
I. Edward Roman (MLB)	Yes
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes

At 6:43 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Kevin Kelleher (MLB)	Yes
Francis Liptak (MLB)	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Dawn Renaudette (MLB)	Yes
Ray Rivera (MLB)	Yes
J. Edward Roman (MLB)	Yes
Robert Sacco (MLB)	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes

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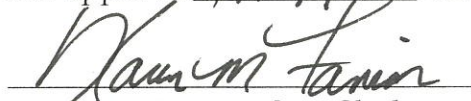


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

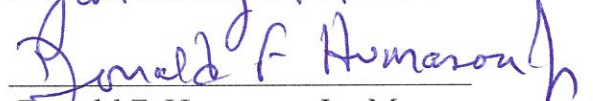
Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval Jan 14 2021


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

January 14 2021


Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor