



## Regular Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, February 13, 2024)

### Members present

Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

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### 1. Welcome

#### Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order

Ms. Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### Procedural: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Wilcox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### 2. Public Participation

#### Procedural: 2.01 Public Participation

Procedural: 2.02 Student Presentation: "I Have A Dream" excerpt from Ms. Marshall's class at Hill Central

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### 3. Action Items - Discussion and vote anticipated on each topic

#### Action: 3.01 Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2024

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of January 22, 2024 as presented.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Dr Edward Joyner, second by Matthew Wilcox.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

#### Action, Discussion: 3.02 School Closing for Presidential Elections on April 2, 2024

Motion to approve School Closing for Presidential Elections on April 2, 2024

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

#### Action: 3.03 Personnel Report - Dr. Madeline Negron

It is recommended that the Board approve the Personnel as presented.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

#### Action, Discussion: 3.04 Finance and Operations Committee - Mr. Matthew Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox states Purchase Order #2 for the Facilities work order management software will be withdrawn. As there were some questions regarding the particular submission, since it was submitted to begin March this will be re-presented at the upcoming Finance meeting with more context to address board member questions.

Motion to send Purchase Order #2 with Facilities Management Express, LLC to provide a Work Order management system for Facilities related work orders back to Finance & Operations.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

Motion to approve of Agreement #1 with Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc., to change the Head Start funding source from Head Start Carryover Program, to Head Start Basic Program.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer  
Abstain/Recuse: Dr Abie Benitez

Motion to approve of 1 Abstracts, 13 Agreements, 2 Contracts, 3 purchase Orders and 1 Resolution as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee

**Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

**4. Abstracts**

Abstract: 4.01 Carl D. Perkins Continuous Improvement Plan Grant in the amount of \$568,667.00 to support continued support for CTE Programs – Technology Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Business/Finance, Medical Careers, Marketing Education, Agriculture/Aquaculture Sciences, from January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

**5. Agreements**

Agreements: 5.01 Amendment #1 to Agreement #96326707 with Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc., to change the Head Start funding source from Head Start Carryover Program, acct. #2532-6326-56694-0443 to Head Start Basic Program, acct. #2532-5279-56694-0443 with no change in funding amount of \$180,722.00. Funding Source: Head Start Basic Program Acct. #2532-5279-56694-0443

Agreements: 5.02 Amendment #1 to Agreement #95713131 with State Education Resource Center, (SERC), to expand the Scope of Service to include 5 additional professional development sessions for teachers with multilingual learners, and to increase funding of \$30,800.00 by \$7,000.00 to \$37,800.00, and to fund increase from Title III Program. Funding Source: Title III Carryover Program Acct. #2518-5713-56694-0412 (\$30,800.00) Title III Program Acct. #2518-5679-56694-0412 (\$ 7,000.00)

Agreements: 5.03 Amendment #1 to Agreement #96399733 with Connecticut RISE Network, Inc., to clarify the hourly rate for all coaching and professional learning services, and time for RISE staff preparation, planning and debrief, at the rate of \$188.57 per hour for a maximum of 175 hours, with no change in total funding amount of \$33,000.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program Acct. #2553-6399-50136-0103

Agreements: 5.04 Agreement with District Arts and Education, (DAE), to provide a computer science program on Web Design and Coding, for up to 50 high school students, from March 5, 2024 to May 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0410

Agreements: 5.05 Agreement with Southern Connecticut State University to provide Certified Nurse Assistant, (CNA), training to 40 high school students, from March 2, 2024 to May 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0116

Agreements: 5.06 Agreement with President and Fellows of Harvard College, to provide virtual coaching support to staff teams enrolled in the Data Wise Leadership Institute, from February 13, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,248,750.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0105

Agreements: 5.07 Agreement with Boys Scouts of America, CT Yankee Council, to provide outdoor and hands on programming for 100 students, from February 12, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Funding Source: Extended School Hours Program Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0444

Agreements: 5.08 Amendment #1 to Agreement # 96399805 with Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Haven, to change funding account # for Spring Fun Club from Title I Program, account # 2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, account #2531-5257-56694-0444; to increase participation for Spring Fun Club from 43 students to 100 students; to expand the Scope of Service to include extended school hours programming during half days and vacation day programming; to include administrative cost for Spring Fun Club half and full day programming in the amount of \$3,105.00; and to increase total funding of original Agreement from \$130,240.00 by \$23,805.00 to \$154,045.00. Funding Sources: ARP ESSER III C/O- 2553-6399-56694-0444 {Brenann Rogers: \$44,640.00} ARP ESSER III C/O- 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Bishop Woods: \$69,600.00) Title 1 Program Acct. #2531-5257-56694-0444 (Spring Fun Club: \$16,000.00) Extended School Hours Program Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0444 (Spring Fun Club: \$11,400.00) Extended School Hours Program Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0444 (Half Day \$3,000.00) Extended School Hours Program Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0444 (Vacation Day \$6,300.00) Extended School Hours Program Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0444 (Admin Fees \$3,105.00)

Agreements: 5.09 Amendment #2 to Agreement #96399768 with Little Scientists to change the funding account number for programming at Lincoln Bassett from Title I Program, acct. #2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, acct. #2531-5257-56694-0020; to change funding account number for East Rock from Title I Program, acct. #2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, acct. #2531-5257-56694-0046, and to change funding account number for John Martinez from Title I Program, acct. #2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, acct. #2531-5257-56694-0008, with no change in total funding amount of \$55,350.00. Funding Sources: ARP ESSER III C/O- 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Hill Central: \$12,150.00) ARP ESSER III C/O- 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Nathan Hale- \$9,000.00) ARP ESSER III C/O- 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Jepson- \$3,150.00) Title 1- 2531-5257-56694-0020

(Lincoln Bassett: \$11,025.00) Title 1- 2531-5257-56694-0046 (East Rock- \$10,575.00) Title 1- 2531-5257-56694-0008 (John Martinez- \$9,450.00)

Agreements: 5.10 Amendment #2 to Agreement #96399775 with SPORT Academy Est 2013 Inc., to change the Title I account number for Fair Haven from 2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, acct. #2531-5257-56694-0016, with no change in total funding amount of the Agreement of \$70,360.00. Funding Sources: ARP ESSER II C/O: 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Roberto Clemente- \$24,000.00) ARP ESSER II C/O: 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Brennan Rogers- \$7,040.00) ARP ESSER II C/O: 2553-6399-56694-0444 (Wexler Grant- \$7,040.00) Title 1 Saturday Academy: 2531-5208-56694-0444 (Wexler, Clemente, Fair Haven- \$21,000) Title 1: 2531-5257-56694-0016 (Fair Haven- \$11,280.00)

Agreements: 5.11 Amendment #2 to Agreement #96399771 with Eli Whitney Museum, to change the East Rock School funding account number from Title I Program, acct. #2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, acct. #2531-5257-56694-0046, with no change in total funding amount of \$86,940.00. Funding Sources: ARP ESSER III C/O Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0444 (Barnard - \$15,180 ARP ESSER III C/O Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0444 (Celentano - \$23,805.00) ARP ESSER III C/O Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0444 (Wexler Grant - \$18,630.00) ARP ESSER III C/O Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0444 (Roberto Clemente- \$13,110.00) Title 1 Program Acct. #2531-5257-56694-0046 (East Rock- \$16,215.00)

Agreements: 5.12 Amendment #3 to Agreement #95384038 with Auntie Rose Child Care and Development Center to convert unenrolled spaces into 4 Infant/Toddler spaces, and to increase funding of \$426,458.00 by \$22,500.00 to \$448,958.00. Funding Source: School Readiness – Priority Program Acct. #2523-6432-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.13 Amendment #3 to Agreement #9538406 with The Little Schoolhouse, to convert unenrolled spaces into 4 Infant/Toddler spaces, and to increase funding of \$204,912.00 by \$22,500.00 to \$227,412.00. Funding Source: School Readiness – Priority Program Acct. #2523-6432-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.14 Agreement with CT Custom Aquatics to provide start up and operational costs associated with Conte Pool from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not exceed \$70,550.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Acct. #2553-6399-56697-0474

## **6. Purchase Orders**

Purchase Order: 6.01 Purchase Order under State Contract 18PSX0202 with Total Communications, LLC to provide upgrade to flex software of the phone system from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Acct. #2553-6399-54409-0105

Purchase Order: 6.02 Purchase Order under CREC with Facilities Management Express, LLC to provide a Work Order management system for Facilities related work orders from March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$44,288.99. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Operating Budget Acct. #190-47000-56694

Purchase Order: 6.03 Purchase Order under State Contract 18PSX0319 with Sports Construction of CT to resurface basketball court and install new base from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$80,948.27. Funding Source: Wexler Grant Program Acct. #2547-6456-54411

Purchase Order: 6.04 Purchase Order under State Contract with O'Brien & Sons to provide design and resurface the playground at Wexler School, from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$172,492.00. Funding Source: Wexler Grant Program Acct. #2547-6456-54411

## **7. Contracts**

Contracts: 7.01 Award of Contract 21908 to JLY Construction Managers for the remodel of the southwest entry of Edgewood School the area to be remodeled consists of the nurses' suite entrance on the lower level including an accessible ramp and landing from the exterior door from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$87,390.00. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Contracts: 7.02 Award of Contract 21905 to Milestone Construction Services for the renovation of a portion of Hillhouse High School and Wilbur Cross High School for the manufacturing program from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,059,056.00. Funding Source: ARP ESSER Carryover III Acct. #2553-6399-56697-0474 (\$1,359,056.00) Manufacturing Pathway Grant Acct. #2560-6440-56694-0102 (\$700,000.00)

## **8. Resolutions**

Resolution: 8.01 Order of the New Haven Board of Education approving the conveyance of such interest in title as the New Haven Board of Education may have to those properties known as Strong School 69 Grand Ave and an

unnumbered parcel on Perkins St known as assessor's parcel no. 160-0761-02101, New Haven, CT to the City of New Haven.

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## **9. Other Materials - Information Only Finance & Operations Items**

### Information Only: 9.01 Information Only - Finance & Operations Items

Agreements, Information Only: 9.02 Agreement with Len Cabral, to provide two sessions on African Oral Storytelling during Read Across America Day for students at Ross Woodward School, from March 1, 2024 to March 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300.00. Funding Source: Title I Program Acct. #2531-0010-56694-0010

Agreements, Information Only: 9.03 Agreement with Common Ground to create an outdoor learning space and support at Ross Woodward School, from February 13, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Funding Source: Interdistrict Magnet Program Acct. #270-433-10-56697

Agreements, Information Only: 9.04 Agreement with Narrative 4, Inc., to provide facilitator training, Schoolwide Story Exchange program and student summit, for students at HSC, from February 13, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$19,940.00. Funding Source: School Improvement Grant (SIG) – HSC Program Acct. #2531-6393-56694-0066

Agreements, Information Only: 9.05 Amendment #1 to Agreement #95256778 with The Green Peacock Corporation, to change the funding account number from Title I Program, account #2531-5256-56694-0444 to Title I Program, account #2531-5257-56694-0020, with no change in total funding amount of \$7,200.00. Funding Source: Title I Program Acct. #2531-5257-56694-0020

Agreements, Information Only: 9.06 Agreement with William Alan Brown, d/b/a Learning to Thrive, LLC, to provide professional development training on social-emotional learning and well-being for staff at Foote School under the Title IIA Non-Public Program, from February 13, 2024 to June 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$6,378.44. Funding Source: Title IIA Non-Public Program Acct. #2511-5678-56905-NP11

Agreements, Information Only: 9.07 Amendment #1 to Agreement #96399759 with Mystic Aquarium to change the funding source and account # from ARP ESSER III Carryover, acct. #2553-6399-56697-0019 to Interdistrict Magnet Program, acct. #270-433-19-56697, with no change in total funding amount of \$7,500.00. Funding Source: Interdistrict Magnet Program Acct. #270-433-19-56697

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.08 Purchase Order under State Contract 20PSX0088 with Dalene Flooring for additional floor prep at Hillhouse high school treads and rubber tile, from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,264.12. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Agreements, Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.09 Purchase Order under State Contract 19PSX0002 with New England Pump and Valve Co. to repair pump to boiler at Cross High School from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,429.00. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.10 Purchase Order under State Contract 19PSX0002 with New England Pump and Valve Co. to repair pump to boiler at ESUMS High School from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$5,570.00. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.11 Purchase Order under State Contract 19PSX0002 with New England Pump and Valve Co. to rebuild heating loop motor/pump to boiler at Lincoln Bassett High School from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$16,252.00. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.12 Purchase Order under State Contract 18PSX0319 with Sports Construction of CT to install aluminum benches from February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$9,912.00. Funding Source: Wexler Grant Program Acct. #2547-6456-54411

### Information Only, Minutes: 9.13 Minutes - Finance & Operations Committee

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## **10. Other Materials - Reports**

Information Only, Reports: 10.01 Information Only - Personnel Report

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## 11. Student's Report

Reports: [11.01 Student Members](#)

No Students members present at meeting for update.

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## 12. Teaching and Learning Report

Reports: [12.01 Dr. Edward Joyner](#)

Dr. Joyner shouts out Ms. Keisha Hannan's and Dr. Negrón for providing the ground work for the committee. The committee is currently reviewing three policies in the areas of family life education document, health education program and exemption from instruction policy.

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## 13. Facilities Naming Committee Report

Reports: [13.01 Dr. Edward Joyner](#)

Dr. Joyner states currently the voting system is available, there is some concern of not receiving enough votes but also balancing when the cut off for voting should be.

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## 14. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Madeline Negrón

Update, Reports: [14.01 Strategic Operating Plan Development Process](#)

Dr. Negrón presents to the Board a presentation for the Strategic Operating Plan and provides updates. Based on the roadmap shown currently the district is in the Design Sprint 1. The membership of those in this current phase includes a diverse team that is inclusive of staff, students, parents, City alders or representatives and community partners.

Update: [14.02 Health and Physical Education Department Update](#)

Ms. Hannans and the Athletic dept team both Mr. Patchofsky and Mr. Barbarito provide updates on the Athletic department and provide data from the student fitness testing and compared it to the data from the state. The goal of analyzing this data is to utilize it to modify physical education lessons to address the areas of improvement and the student body's overall fitness. Teachers will set individual fitness goals for students. By continually analyzing the data year to year and measuring the progress of these changes, the team is confident of progress with this update.

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## 15. President's Report

Reports: [15.01 Ms. Yesenia Rivera](#)

Ms. Rivera states their will be a scheduled Board retreat March 4th 2024 at 5:00pm or 5:30pm.

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## 16. Head Start Report

Reports: [16.01 Mr. Matthew Wilcox](#)

Mr. Wilcox states the update is brief as the committee is set to meet later this week on Thursday.

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## 17. Citywide School Building Committee Report

Reports: [17.01 Mr. Matthew Wilcox](#)

Mr. Wilcox states the committee recently met and the Stewardship Report is available on the website for public review. The report encompasses projects and stewardship of the various district owned properties. The update for Adult Education is that the architects that are to design the Adult Education facility has been progressing, and have been working closely with our team and the City engineering department.

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## 18. Finance & Operations Report

Reports: [18.01 Mr. Matthew Wilcox](#)

Mr. Wilcox states the Finance & Operations committee recently met and the minutes are available in the board packets and posted to the website. There were discussions regarding policies that were voted on and moved to governance committee for their review. Discussion around the Procurement policy which is still active on the agenda. Changes to the Finance & Operations Memo that departments must complete for submissions presented to the committee is still being revised and more information is being requested, which also includes the Amendment form being updated as well.

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## 19. Governance Report

Reports: [19.01 Dr. Abie Benitez](#)

Dr. Benitez welcomes Ms. Downer as she attended the last meeting from Governance. There were discussions on creating a standardization for the governance policies on how the reviews will be conducted. This protocols we will discuss at the next regular meeting and once completed will be presented to the Board members as well. This was done in an effort to streamline the process and make it clear to all parties how these policy submissions will be handled and operate.

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## 20. Food Service Task Group Report

Reports: 20.01 Dr. Orlando Yarborough III

Dr. Yarborough states the Food Service task force is set to meet for a special meeting tomorrow 2/14, an update from this meeting will be available by the next Board Meeting. Mr. Wilcox notes that the task force will be changing the time in which they meet from 5:00pm to 4:00pm due to scheduling conflicts.

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## 21. Executive Session

Action, Discussion: 21.01 Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) and 1-201(B)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation in the matter of Light v. NHBOE, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged records.

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) and 1-201(B)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation in the matter of Light v. NHBOE, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged records.

**Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Yesenia Rivera, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

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## 22. Return to Regular Session

Action, Discussion: 22.01 Discussion and possible action on matters heard in Executive Session

Ms. Rivera and fellow board members resume regular session after coming out of executive session. Board President states there were no votes taken during the executive session.

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## 23. Adjournment

Action: 23.01 Move to Adjourn

Move to adjourn 8:36 p.m.

**Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

Motion by Andrea Downer, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Dr Abie Benitez, Andrea Downer

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Salina Manning  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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