



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

**CITYWIDE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, July 16, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Chair; Mr. Matthew Wilcox

**Staff:** Attorney Michael Pinto, Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Michael Gormany, Ms. Aicha Woods, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mrs. Salina Manning, Ms. Lil Snyder, Mr. Thomas Smith, Alder Jody Ortiz, Mr. Giovanni Zinn

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**I. Call to Order:** Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

**II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2020:**

The committee reviewed the minutes for February 27, 2020 meeting; it was noted to be amended to include all other attendees.

Motion to approve as amended by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to approve minutes passed unanimously by roll call vote: Dr. Whyte, Yes; Mr. Gormany, Yes; Mr. Zinn, Yes; Alder Ortiz, Yes.

**III. Discussion:**

- **Construction Project Reports (Obama School)**

Attorney Pinto discussed the move in date with Obama school, including addressing the outstanding issues within the school such as: Landscape plantings, cafeteria floor, photovoltaic panels, and misc. repairs are to be completed in the near future. Plan to recommend opening at the September meeting to open school.

- **Project Workforce Reports (Obama School)**

Ms. Snyder addressed the percentages of the workforce, based on: Resident Status, Minority Status, Gender, etc. and stated that it exceeded expectations.

- **Commissioning Schedule Updates  
(ESUMS, New Haven Academy, Mayo School)**

Attorney Pinto addressed the HVAC contractor replacement is required. He anticipates to close out all State documents and performance bonds to be finalized by the end of August/Early September.

- **Stewardship Report**

Mr. Barbarotta discussed the Facilities Department is currently obtaining quotes to paint entire swimming pool areas as well as upgrade and replace antiquated pool equipment. in all (5) schools ; Cross, Hillhouse, Career, Martinez, Conte. As well as, adding and replacing the boilers for Truman and Celentano Schools.

Mr. Barbarotta and Mr. Zinn discussed LED Lighting Project leveraging capital funds and United Illuminating incentive rebate program in order to maximize lighting upgrades; as well as alternative solutions to ease costs incurred.

Mr. Barbarotta discussed upgrade replacement of Automatic External Defibrillators is in process .The current AED's are at the end of their useful life and we are replacing them with new state of the art devices That have been reviewed by the Emergency operations Director and are compatible with City of New haven Fire department and EMT services.

Mr. Barbarotta stated facilities has bid out the building of an Automotive Shop at Hillhouse.

Attorney Pinto discussed Sound School painting services to fix siding, lattice work, and wood repairs on all 4 buildings; as the location of the school near water requires more maintenance.

Attorney Pinto stated the Edgewood playground is in need of new landscaping we are currently working with city planning to develop a plan to prevent erosion and create a safe surface to play on around the tress and sidewalks.

#### IV. **Other Business:**

- Attorney Pinto discussed possible recommendations for potential candidates of vacant positions within committee.
- Attorney Pinto discussed the major actions acceptance of 4 buildings to move documents to release reimbursement funding from the state to get progress payments for Obama School and others.
- Mr. Wilcox discussed the request to install an awning for the Adult & Continuing Education building, for greeting and temperature screening purposes to be done outside and to protect in the event of inclement weather.

#### V. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Ms. Rivera seconded by Mr. Wilcox, Dr. Whyte, Yes; Mr. Gormany, Yes; Mr. Zinn, Yes; Alder Ortiz, Yes; the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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