

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD (MARB)

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Ad-Hoc MARB West Haven Budget and Recovery Plan Review Committee

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, April 2, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Meeting Location: West Haven City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT

Minutes (in bold)

Members in Attendance: Ben Barnes, Scott Jackson, Pat Egan, Tom Hamilton

City Staff: Mayor Rossi

OPM and State Treasurer Staff: Bob Dakers, Riju Das

- I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks: **Secretary Barnes called the meeting**
- II. Review and Discussion of Requirements of Public Act 17-2 Related to City Budgets, Municipal Restructuring Funds and Contract Assistance: **Bob Dakers gave an overview of the City's and Board's responsibilities and timelines under the Act regarding annual budgets and the municipal restructuring funds in the OPM budget.**
- III. Mayor's Presentation of Proposed Budget; Discussion of Status of Recovery Plan: **Mayor Rossi noted that her proposed budget was presented to the City Council on March 15th. The City Council has until May 3rd to make any changes to the budget, which changes would require 9 of 13 votes from the City Council. The committee members discussed how any changes sought by the MARB or required as a condition of OPM's Municipal Restructuring Funds. Secretary Barnes indicated he would consult with OPM's legal counsel in this regard. Mayor Rossi hopes to have the 5-year restructuring plan to the Board by its meeting on April 5th or so thereafter.**
- IV. Review, Discussion and Questions from Committee Members Regarding Proposed Budget: **The Committee asked questions regarding the budget and its assumptions. The committee also discussed the need for structural changes, including in the amount of revenue raised by the City and longer-term structural or efficiency savings in the areas of health insurance (with the help of an independent benefits consultant), refuse collection, delivery of Fire Services, and other areas.**
- V. Discussion of Next Steps and Meeting Dates; Information Requests from Committee Members. **The Committee will meet again to review the City's Budget and restructuring plan.**
- VI. Other Related Business
- VII. Adjourn **The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm.**