

APPROVED
State of Connecticut
Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB)
Special Meeting
State Board of Regents Boardroom, Ground Level,
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, November 1, 2018
11:30am – 1:00pm

The following link is to the MARB website. All meeting handouts can be located on this website, along with future meetings dates, agendas and minutes:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2998&q=599332>

Members in attendance: Co-chairs: OPM Secretary Benjamin Barnes and Deputy Treasurer Lawrence Wilson (designee of State Treasurer Denise Nappier), Sal Luciano, Thomas Hamilton, Scott Jackson, Mark Waxenberg, Patrick Egan, Matthew Brokman, Bart Shuldman, David Walker, Robert White
Expanded Membership: West Haven Mayor Nancy Rossi, City Treasurer Michael Last, and City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani.

Staff: Robert Dakers (OPM), Julian Freund (OPM), Amy Tibor (OPM), Alison Fisher (OPM), William Cochran (OTT), Riju Das (OTT)

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by Secretary Ben Barnes and Treasurer Denise Nappier

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Introduction of Additional Board Members for Consideration of Finding and Recommendation to Designate the City of West Haven as Tier IV Municipality Under the Provisions of Public Act 17-2

Chairman Barnes announced that the special meeting of the MARB would include an expanded membership and invited West Haven city officials to join the meeting: Mayor Nancy Rossi, City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani, and City Treasurer Michael Last.

III. Review, Discussion and Possible Action re: Recommendations re: Finding and Recommendation that the City of West Haven be Designated as a Tier IV Municipality

Mr. Walker initiated a discussion around the potential designation of West Haven as a Tier IV municipality and indicated he thought it was premature to designate the City at Tier IV. Members provided a variety of comments. Mr. White asked the city officials to explain to the Board why the Board should feel confident about not designating the City as a Tier IV municipality. Treasurer Last commented that he is glad the City now has a plan, remarking that the officials ran for office so that they could fix these issues within the City. Treasurer Last commented that the City will take the plan seriously and

work hard to make sure it is successful. Chairman Quagliani announced that the Council voted 11-1 to approve the plan during the last City Council meeting. The city of West Haven has never had a five year plan before. He expressed gratitude for oversight by the MARB and that he is pleased that the City now has a framework. Mayor Rossi stated that she believes the plan to be a realistic one and that there is a sense of urgency by City leadership to make improvements.

Mr. Egan asked Treasurer Last to name two or three items that could help the City. Treasurer Last responded: 1) the internal control structure improvements, 2) examination and consideration of sharing services, and 3) Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Chairman Barnes asked if there was a motion to designate the city of West Haven as a Tier 4 municipality under the provisions of Public Act 17-2. The motion was not made by any member.

IV. Adjourn

Mr. Luciano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded (Mr. Hamilton). Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.