

APPROVED

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD (MARB)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting Location: This was a telephonic meeting. Meeting materials may be accessed at the following website:
<https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/Marb/West-Haven-Committee-Meetings-and-Materials>

Call-In Instructions:

Telephone Number: (860) 840-2075

Meeting ID: 353 738 685

Members in Attendance: Kimberly Kennison (OPM Secretary designee), Christine Shaw (State Treasurer designee), Matthew Brokman, Stephen Falcigno, Sal Luciano, Mark Waxenberg, Robert White

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Bronin, Jolita Lazauskas, Mike Lupkus, Leigh Ann Ralls

OPM Staff in Attendance: Julian Freund

I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10:27 AM.

II. Review, Discussion and Possible Action: Labor Contract

a. Hartford Firefighters Association, Local 760

Ms. Kennison explained that the Hartford Subcommittee reviewed the Firefighters' contract and recommended that the full MARB approve the contract. The members in attendance also attended the Subcommittee meeting and heard the presentation and discussion of the contract.

Mr. Luciano made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Mr. Brokman. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

III. Non-Labor Contract:

a. Salvation Army – Overnight Warming Center

The Salvation Army contract is a renewal contract which was reviewed by the MARB in the prior year. The contract provides for additional overnight warming space. Mr. White asked if the City has pursued funding from neighboring communities since many non-Hartford residents use the Center. Mayor Bronin responded that the City has not launched a campaign to secure funds from other communities. Those who are facing homelessness tend to go to where services are available, which tends to be Hartford. Mr. Waxenberg asked about efforts regionally to address homelessness and homeless services. The Mayor described the Coordinated Access Network which is chaired by Journey Home. An effort to open a new warming center in

Manchester was not successful. For the most part, regional efforts have foundered due when local opposition arises.

IV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Luciano with a second by Mr. Falcigno. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.