

**APPROVED**  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** This was a virtual meeting. Meeting materials can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/Marb/Full-Board-Meetings-and-Materials>

**Call-in Instructions:** Telephone 1 860-840-2075  
Meeting ID: 949 122 568

Members in Attendance: Secretary Beckham, Christine Shaw (State Treasurer designee), David Biller, Matthew Brokman, Patrick Egan, Stephen Falcigno (exited prior to votes under item II), Thomas Hamilton, Sal Luciano (exited prior to votes under item II), Mark Waxenberg, Robert White

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Rossi, Scott Jackson

OPM Staff in Attendance: Gareth Bye, Julian Freund

I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks by Secretary Jeff Beckham and Treasurer Shawn Wooden

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Beckham at 10:03 AM. Ms. Shaw read a statement from State Treasurer Wooden on his behalf. “The external audit of the City of West Haven's spending of COVID-relief funds is complete, and confirms what we've known for some time: that the City has yet to address the persistent weaknesses in its financial structure. After years of oversight from the Municipal Accountability Review Board, and inadequate progress toward resolving these weaknesses, it is clear that greater state control over the City's finances is necessary in order to restore confidence that West Haven can effectively manage its own financial affairs.”

II. Review, discussion, and possible action: Draft Staff Recommendations for Corrective Actions Regarding City of West Haven.

Members discussed a draft set of recommendations for corrective actions for the City of West Haven. The recommendations are a starting point for consideration and are not an exhaustive list of measures that could be taken. Support was expressed by members for advancing with the steps for considering a Tier IV designation. Other measures in the suggested corrective actions can be addressed concurrently with Tier IV.

Mayor Rossi and Finance Director Scott Jackson described steps the City is taking to address findings and open positions.

Mr. Egan made a motion to include consideration of designation of City of West Haven to Tier IV pursuant to CGS Section 7-576e on the agenda of the April 14 MARB meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shaw. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Egan made a motion to advise OPM to invite City of West Haven officials to the April 14 MARB meeting for the purpose of considering designation to Tier IV pursuant to CGS Section 7-576e. The motion was seconded by Mr. Biller. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0.

III. Adjourn

Mr. Egan made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Biller. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.