

STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Grant Committee Annual Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026

The Grant Committee of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority held an annual meeting via videoconference and in-person on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

The hybrid annual meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter W. Lisi, Board Chair, at 1:04 p.m. and upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Lawrence Davis, Committee Chair
Steven L. Elbaum¹
Kimberly Kennison (*Designee for Joshua Wojcik, OPM Secretary*)²
Susan Martin
Peter W. Lisi, Board Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Aguilera, General Counsel
Rob Blake, Assistant Director, Information Technology³
Charles Bodie, Managing Director of Finance and Operations
Jessica Carducci, Administrative Services Assistant
Jen Chapman, Grants Program Manager
Dan Giungi, Sr. Government Relations & Communications Specialist
Dan Kurowski, Assistant Director
Andrew Kwashnak, Sr. Systems & Data Analyst⁴
JoAnne Mackewicz, Controller⁵
Kara Stuart, Manager, Administrative Services
of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Davis requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, Grant Committee meeting. Ms. Kennison moved for approval of the minutes and Mr. Lisi seconded the motion.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

AYES

Peter W. Lisi
Lawrence Davis
Steven L. Elbaum

NAYS

None

ABSTENTIONS

Susan Martin⁶

¹ Mr. Elbaum participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other.

² Ms. Kennison participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other.

³ Mr. Blake participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other.

⁴ Mr. Kwashnak participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other.

⁵ Ms. Mackewicz participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other.

⁶ Ms. Martin abstained from voting as she did not attend the October 15, 2025, Grant Committee Meeting.

Kimberly Kennison

DETERMINATION OF FY 2027 NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING PRIORITIES

Ms. Chapman provided a brief background on CHEFA's Nonprofit Grant Program. Ms. Chapman stated that staff has identified priorities that align with the state's current needs within each of CHEFA's six core sectors and recommended that the Committee select 3 - 4 priorities for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Nonprofit Grant Program. Ms. Chapman provided a brief overview on CHEFA's six core sectors, which include Childcare, Culture, Education, Healthcare, Human Services & Wellness, and Long-Term Care/Senior Living. Ms. Chapman stated that staff recommends specific focus areas within the Childcare, Human Services & Wellness, and Long-Term Care/Senior Living be the 3 funding priorities for the FY 2027 Nonprofit Grant Program. Mr. Davis recommended that Cultural also be included as a funding priority. A discussion ensued.

After further deliberation by the Committee, consensus was reached that Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs for Students in Grades K-8 (Childcare), Museums & Historical Sites (Cultural), Parenting Supports & Family-Strengthening Services (Human Services & Wellness), and Workforce Supports (Long-Term Care/Senior Living) will be the 4 funding priorities for the FY 2027 Nonprofit Grant Program.

Mr. Davis requested a motion to recommend those 4 funding priorities for the FY 2027 Nonprofit Grant Program to the full Board for approval. Ms. Martin moved for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Kennison.

Upon a voice vote, the "Ayes," "Nays" and "Abstentions" were as follows:

AYES

Peter W. Lisi
Lawrence Davis
Steven L. Elbaum
Kimberly Kennison
Susan Martin

NAYS

None

ABSTENTIONS

None

BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2027

Ms. Chapman stated that staff is requesting \$3 million for the FY 2027 grant programs, which include the John M. Biancamano Client, Enterprise Capital, and Nonprofit grant programs. Each grant program will receive \$1 million for funding.

Mr. Davis requested a motion to approve \$3 million for the FY 2027 grant programs (Client, Enterprise Capital, Nonprofit). Mr. Lisi moved for approval, which was seconded by Mr. Elbaum.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>
Peter W. Lisi	None	None
Lawrence Davis		
Steven L. Elbaum		
Kimberly Kennison		
Susan Martin		

GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Chapman provided the following notes about the Grant Committee schedule for the remainder of the year:

- May 20th meeting: Focus on FY 2026 Nonprofit Grant Program awards
- July 15th meeting: Focus on FY 2024 outcomes and impact (Client, Nonprofit, and Enterprise Capital)
- October 21st meeting: Focus on FY 2027 Client Grant Program awards

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. Lisi moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Martin seconded the motion.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>
Peter W. Lisi	None	None
Lawrence Davis		
Steven L. Elbaum		
Kimberly Kennison		
Susan Martin		

The hybrid annual meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette W. Weldon
Executive Director