STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Grant Committee Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025

The Grant Committee of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority held a meeting via videoconference and in-person on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

The hybrid meeting was called to order by Mr. Lawrence Davis, Committee Chair, at 12:00 p.m. and upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Lawrence Davis, Committee Chair

 Steven L. Elbaum

 Kimberly Kennison (*Designee for Jeffrey Beckham, OPM Secretary)*[[1]](#footnote-1)

 Peter W. Lisi, Board Chair[[2]](#footnote-2)

 Susan Martin

OTHER BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Angelini

ALSO PRESENT: Jeanette W. Weldon, Executive Director

Denise Aguilera, General Counsel

Rob Blake, Manager, Information Technology & Cyber Security[[3]](#footnote-3)

Charles Bodie, Managing Director of Finance and Operations

Jessica Carducci, Administrative Services Assistant

Jen Chapman, Grants Program Manager

Daniel Giungi, Sr. Government Relations & Communications Specialist

 Daniel Kurowski, Assistant Director

JoAnne Mackewicz, Controller[[4]](#footnote-4)

Luis Perez, Junior Network Administrator[[5]](#footnote-5)

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 May 14, 2025 meeting of the Grant Committee. Ms. Martin moved for approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Lisi.

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

**AYES NAYS ABSTENTIONS**

Peter W. Lisi None None

Lawrence Davis

Steven L. Elbaum

Susan Martin

Ms. Kennison joined the hybrid meeting at 12:18 p.m.

**FY 2026 ENTERPRISE CAPITAL GRANT AWARDS**

Ms. Chapman provided a review of the Enterprise Capital Grant award selection criteria, which included the following:

* Target Population Impact
* Likelihood of Success
* Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
* Financial and Managerial Strength
* Strength or Viability of Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed that Financial and Managerial Strength, Strength or Viability of Strategic Plan, and Likelihood of Success would be the most significant criteria, but that all criteria would be considered in their evaluations.

Ms. Chapman provided a brief overview on the following four FY 2026 Enterprise Capital Grant finalists:

* Boys & Girls Club of Stamford
* Hartford Promise
* The Towers Foundation
* Wesleyan University

An open discussion ensued regarding the four finalists. After discussion, a consensus was reached to award the following two organizations:

* Boys & Girls Club of Stamford: $382,000
* Hartford Promise: $475,000

Mr. Kurowski stated that the two awards total $857,000, which leaves $143,000 in remaining funds from the allocated $1,000,000 for the FY 2026 Enterprise Capital Grant cycle. A discussion ensued regarding how to utilize the remaining funds. After discussion, a consensus was reached to reallocate the $143,000 of remaining funds to the FY 2026 Nonprofit Grant cycle.

Mr. Davis requested a motion to approve the FY 2026 Enterprise Capital Grant awards to the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford for $382,000 and Hartford Promise for $475,000, and to reallocate the $143,000 of remaining funds to the FY 2026 Nonprofit Grant cycle. Ms. Kennison moved for approval and Mr. Elbaum seconded the motion.

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

**AYES NAYS ABSTENTIONS**

Peter W. Lisi None None

Lawrence Davis

Steven L. Elbaum

Kimberly Kennison

Susan Martin

**adjournment**

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

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

**AYES NAYS ABSTENTIONS**

Peter W. Lisi None None

Lawrence Davis

Steven L. Elbaum

Kimberly Kennison

Susan Martin

The hybrid meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette W. Weldon

Executive Director

1. Ms. Kennison participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Mr. Lisi participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Mr. Blake participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Ms. Mackewicz participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Mr. Perez participated in the meeting via teleconference that permitted all parties to hear each other. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)