

Approved: October 15, 2025

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
Peter W. Lisi, Board Chair²
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 Security³
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, Controller⁴
Luis Perez, Junior Network Administrator⁵
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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS

None

ABSTENTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanette W. Weldon
Executive Director

