



# City of New Haven

## Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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### Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following;

1. [LM-2019-0229](#) ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**Attachments:** [ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS - Resolution Order - FIRST STUDENT - OUT OF TOWN 2019.doc](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Check list - Out of District Sp. Ed 2019.pdf](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Fiscal Impact Statement - Out of District Sp. Ed 2019.pdf](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Prior Notification - Out of District Sp. Ed 2019.pdf](#)  
[First Student multi year award out of district 2019 BOA COVER LETTER.doc](#)  
[LM-2019-0229](#)

**This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders**

2. [LM-2019-0231](#) ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC. FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR REGULAR EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**Attachments:** [ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS - Resolution Order - FIRST STUDENT - REGULAR AND SPED 2019.doc](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Check List - Regular & SpEd 2019.pdf](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Fiscal Impact Statement - Regular & SpEd 2019.pdf](#)  
[Bus Transp. BOA submission - Prior Notification form - Regular & SpEd 2019-2.pdf](#)  
[First student multi year award Reg & Sp Ed. to BOA 2019 COVER LETTER.doc](#)  
[LM-2019-0231](#)

**This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders**

3. [LM-2019-0266](#) ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC. FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR

OUT-OF-TOWN SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS FOR THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

This Order was Given Leave To Withdraw to the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2018-0685](#) ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE LIBRARY TO IMPLEMENT AN INTERNET SERVICE LEASE CONTRACT TO INSTALL DARK FIBER BETWEEN FOUR SATELLITE LIBRARY BRANCHES AND THE MAIN LIBRARY (IVES) 133 ELM ST, NEW HAVEN

**Attachments:** [BOA Chklist\\_Fiber.doc](#)  
[BOA PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM.docx](#)  
[BOA resolution\\_dark fiber.docx](#)  
[BOA\\_FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT.docx](#)  
[BOA NOTICE OF INTENT.docx](#)  
[Cortland Wilson Branch Library - New Haven Branch Erate Quote Funding Yr'19 12-18-2018.pdf](#)  
[Fair Haven Branch Library - New Haven Branch Erate Quote Funding Yr'19 1... .pdf](#)  
[Mitchell Branch Library - New Haven Branch Erate Quote Funding Yr'19 12-... .pdf](#)  
[NHFPL\\_costs\\_prepaerd by State Library.xlsx](#)  
[Stetson Branch LibraryQ House - New Haven Branch Erate Quote Funding Yr'... .pdf](#)  
[LM-2018-0685](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2019-0208](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

**Attachments:** [LM-2019-0208](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2019-0281](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

**Attachments:** [LM-2019-0281](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Evette Hamilton, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 946 8122 (voice) or 946 8582 (TTY).

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## Meeting Minutes

*Alder Hamilton, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., May 9, 2019 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Hamilton, Marchand, Colon, DeCola, Morrison, Festa, Hurt, and Decker.*

1. ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC., FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

2. ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC., FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR REGULAR EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

3. ORDER APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC., FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*Michael Porto, Chief Operation Officer of the Board of Education, and Fred Jones, Transportation Coordinator for the Board of Education, came before the committee. Mr. Porto spoke on the requests.*

*Alder Marchand for clarification between item 2 and 3. Mr. Porto said they were the same and item three could be withdrawn.*

*Alder Marchand asked why 1st Student was the only bidder. Mr. Porto gave possible reasons why this was so.*

*Alder Marchand asked how the Board of Education look at these contracts. Mr. Jones spoke on this.*

*Alder Marchand asked why the contract was for four years. Mr. Jones spoke on this.*

*Alder Marchand asked if the Board of Education had any discussions on the use of alternate fuels for the buses. Mr. Jones spoke on this.*

*Alder Marchand asked if the drivers were required to have safety training on driving with children. Mr. Jones spoke on this.*

*Alder Hamilton asked about the school crossing guard assignments. Mr. Porto spoke on this.*

*There were no further questions asked.*

4. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE LIBRARY TO IMPLEMENT AN INTERNET SERVICE LEASE CONTRACT, TO INSTALL DARK FIBER BETWEEN FOUR SATELLITE LIBRARY BRANCHES AND THE MAIN LIBRARY (IVES) 133 ELM ST, NEW HAVEN.

*Martha Brogan, City Librarian, Brad Bullis, Public Services Administrator, and Wendy Rego, from the State Library, came before the committee. Ms. Brogan spoke to the*

committee on the request.

Alder Morrison asked what the actual costs were. Ms. Brogan spoke on this. A discussion was had on this topic.

Alder Festa asked what the system speed was. Ms. Brogan spoke on this.

Alder Marchand asked if CEN was a state, quasi state or separate entity. Ms. Rego spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

5. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

6. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Mike Gormany, Acting Budget Director, and Daryl Jones, City Controller, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany went over the March report since it was the latest report.

Alder Festa asked how the city is looking for the end of the year. Mr. Gormany spoke on this. The Committee had a discussion on this topic.

Alder Marchand asked why there was a deficit in the pension account. Mr. Gormany spoke on this. The committee had a discussion on this topic.

Alder Festa asked if wouldn't make more sense to place the 4.1 million dollars into the pension because it is underfunded. Mr. Gormany spoke on this.

Alder Festa how the Rainy Fund was. Both Mr. Gormany and Mr. Jones spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked if the City would use the Rainy Day fund to balance the budget. Mr. Gormany spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Hamilton asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 8:04 PM, a motion by Marchand, seconded by Festa, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

1. On a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, to move item 1 and 2 for discussion. The committee voted by voice vote to approve the Board of Education's bus contract requests.
2. On a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, to move item 3 for Leave to Withdraw. The committee voted by voice vote to approve the Leave to Withdraw of the 3rd bus contract.
3. On a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, to move item 4 favorably the request by the Library. The committee voted by voice vote to approve the library's request.

4. On a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, to move item 5 and 6 for Read and file the two monthly reports. The committee voted by voice vote to approve the Read and File.

At 8:14 PM, on a motion by Marchand, seconded by Festa, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden  
Fiscal Analyst