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Meeting Minutes Tax Abatement Committee

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice

The Tax Abatement Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [LM-2025-0282](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR TRANSFER THE LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAX ACCOUNTS FOR TRANSFER TO THE SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.

Attachments: [MV SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[MVS SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[PP SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[Suspense Ltr 5.25](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2025-0373](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ELIZABETH SANTIAGO ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 95875, 93732, 95892, 98079, and 98106.

Attachments: [Elizabeth Santiago Tax Petition](#)
[Elizabeth Santiago Information](#)

This Order was No Action

3. [LM-2025-0390](#) ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM JOHNNIE JACKSON ON HIS RESIDENCE GRAND LISTS OF 2021 THROUGH 2024.

Attachments: [Johnnie Jackson Petition GL 21-24](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2025-0419](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CATHERINE CALLENDER ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 57887, 57356, 57368, AND 57727.

Attachments: [Joseph Callender Tax Petion](#)
[Callendeer Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2025-0432](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING AN APPLICATION FROM MARY FUND, INC., FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT WINCHESTER LOFT APARTMENTS, LOCATED AT 275 WINCHESTER AVE., NEW HAVEN, CT 06511.

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2025-0440](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REQUEST . FROM ELEVATE CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY AND ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH.

Attachments: [Booker T Washington](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

7. [LM-2025-0330](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF KHADIJAH A. MUHAMMAD ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 86929, 88410, 85003, 84905, AND 86573.

Attachments: [Kadijah A. Muhammad Tax Petition](#)
[Kadijah A. Muhammad Information](#)

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services. 165 Church Street, Per order: Hon. Jose Crespo, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 203 946 7651 (voice) or 203 946 8582 (TTY).

Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Crespo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., August 26, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Crespo, Douglass, Wingate, Streeter, and Marx.

1. FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTING THE LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAX ACCOUNTS FOR TRANSFER TO THE SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.

Tamara Kirby, City Tax Collector, came before the committee and explained the Uncollected Tax Accounts.

No questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

2. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ELIZABETH SANTIAGO ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 95875, 93732, 95892, 98079, AND 98106.

Alder Crespo asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward.

3. ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM JOHNNIE JACKSON ON HIS RESIDENCE GRAND LISTS OF 2021 THROUGH 2024.

Mr. Jackson came before the committee and explained why he was seeking a tax abatement for his home.

No questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

4. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CATHERINE CALLENDER ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 57887, 57356, 57368, AND 57727.

Mr. Callander came before the committee and explained why he was asking for assistance.

The committee and Mr. Callander had a discussion concerning his request.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

5. FROM MARY FUND INC., SUBMITTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATION FOR A REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENT AT WINCHESTER LOFT APARTMENTS, LOCATED AT 275 WINCHESTER AVE., NEW HAVEN, CT 06511.

Frank Farricker and Suzanne Cahil, from the Mary Fund, came before the committee and spoke about their request for a Low-Income Tax Abatement.

The committee and Mr. Farricker had a discussion concerning Winchester Lofts project.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

6. FROM ELEVATE CHARTER SCHOOLS SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY AND ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH.

Suzanne McDermott, Patricia Sullivan, and John Taylor came before the committee. Mr. Taylor spoke to the committee concerning the request for tax assistance, followed by

Ms. Sullivan. The Committee had a discussion concerning this request.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

7. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF KHADIJAH A. MUHAMMAD ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 86929, 88410, 85003, 84905, AND 86573.

Ms. Muhammad came before the committee and explained why she was requesting assistance for the committee.

The committee and Ms. Muhammad had a discussion concerning his request.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

At 7:02 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by Douglass, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Wingate, seconded by Marx, made a motion to move item 1 to approve the transfer of the Uncollected Tax Accounts. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
2. Alder Crespo told the committee that item 2 was to be passed over.
3. Alder Wingate, seconded by Marx, to move item 3 and approve the tax abatement request from Mr. Jackson. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
4. Alder Wingate, seconded by Marx to move item 4 to forgive the interest that Mr. Callender owed. The committee voted, by voice vote, to unanimously approve this action.
5. Alder Wingate, seconded by Streeter, made a motion to move item 5 to approve the request for a Tax Abatement agreement with the May Foundation and Winchester Loft Apartments. The committee voted, by voice vote, to unanimously approve this action.
6. Alder Wingate, seconded by Streeter moved item 5 for discussion. Alder Wingate made a motion to forgive a half year of taxes and any interest. The committee voted, by voice vote, to unanimously approve this action.
7. Alder Wingate, seconded by Marx, made a motion to move item 7 and forgive the interest and reduce the taxes to \$922.36 for Ms. Muhammad. The committee voted, by voice vote, to unanimously approve this action.

At 7:20 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by Douglass, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services. The meeting was also recorded on line and can be seen at:

https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/RI2do9VAOkcuKSE1B0zxXwv1xsmiRx7ssKvZH0uUEIb1a7GLXds7fW_JIspifjD7.wzXE_oh7kTxRQhxD

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Respectfully submitted,

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