



# City of New Haven

## Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Monday, March 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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### Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following;

1. [LM-2024-0108](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT 2023-CON-0377 AND AGREEMENT 2023-CON-0379 WITH SHIPMAN & GOODWIN, LLP AGREEMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30,2024.

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WHEREAS, the New Haven Board of Education (the "Board") and Board of Education, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP. (the "Vendor") are the parties (collectively the "Parties"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties reached tentative agreements 2023-CON-0377 and 2023-CON-0379 entitled Agreements with Shipman & Goodwin, LLP for Legal Services, July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 (the "2023-2024 Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, the district staff submitted the Agreements with Shipman & Goodwin, LLP for Legal Services to the Board, which was approved at its January 8, 2024, Board of Education meeting and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of New Haven requires the approval of the Board of Alders for professional services agreements in excess of \$100,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, by the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Legal Services amendments with Shipman & Goodwin LLP Agreement 2023-CON-0377 be increased by \$130,000, to \$210,000, and Agreement 2023-CON-0379 be increased by \$90,000, to \$125,000, for a total increase of the agreements of \$220,000 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the President of the Board of Education or the Mayor is authorized to execute the 2023-2024 Agreements as well as such additional instruments as may be deemed necessary or expedient to implement the terms of the 2023-2024.

**Attachments:** [0 - CHECK LIST - SHIPMAN 2024.doc](#)  
[1 - BOA Cover Letter - Shipman.pdf](#)  
[2- ORDER - Shipman.docx](#)  
[3 - PRIOR NOTIF FORM - Shipman.doc](#)  
[4 - FISCAL IMPACT STMT - Shipman.doc](#)  
[5 - SUPPORT DOCS - Shipman Supporting Docs.pdf](#)  
[signed checklist LM-2024-0108 NHPS BOE Shipman legal.pdf](#)  
[Signatures](#)

**This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders**

2. [LM-2024-0139](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

**Attachments:** [January 2024 Monthly Report](#)  
[Signatures](#)

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3. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM THE ASSESSOR CONCERNING THE GRAND LIST OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.

4. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MANAGEMENT & BUDGET ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, STARTING JULY 1, 2024.

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Adam Marchand, 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](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov) before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.**

Meeting Minutes

*Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., March 11, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, Hurt, and Punzo. Also in attendance were Alders Marx and C. Smith.*

*Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take item 2 first.*

2. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany went over the January Financial Report.

Alder Festa asked about the employee health contributions. Mr. Gormany explained this.

Alder Festa asked Mr. Gormany to explain the Medicare cost increase, which he did.

Alder Festa asked Mr. Gormany to explain the interest income, which he did.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

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Thomas Lamb, BOE Chief Operating Officer, and Elia Alexiades, Assistant Corporation Council, came before the committee. Mr. Lamb spoke followed by Mr. Alexiades.

Alder Morrison asked if these case could have been done using in house attorneys. Mr. Lamb spoke on this followed by Mr. Alexiades.

Alder Festa asked who negotiates the legal agreements. Mr. Alexiades explained.

Alder Festa asked how the legal hours were tracked. Mr. Lamb explained.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. The following came forward.

Manuel Comacho, of 213 Pine Street.

At 7:00 PM, on a motion by Hurt, seconded by Morrison, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Hurt, seconded by Festa to move to Read & File item 2, the Monthly Financial Report. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve for Read & File.
2. Alder Hurt, seconded by Festa to move item 1. Alder Marchand, seconded by Hurt, to amend the order by increasing the contract total to \$220,000. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the amendment. The committee then voted, by voice vote, to approve the amended order legal contract order.

At 7:12 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a short break.

At 7:24 PM, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

4. Workshop to receive a briefing from Management & Budget on the Annual Budget for Fiscal year 2023-2024, starting July 1, 2023.

Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator, and Kristy Sampieri, Controller, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany gave the committee a handout, which he went over.

Alder Festa asked if the balance of the ARPA funds were included in the proposed budget. Mr. Gormany explained.

Alder Festa, asked through the chair, if the administration would provide position descriptions for the new positions.

No further questions were asked.

4. Workshop to receive a briefing from the Assessor concerning the Grand List of the City of New Haven.

Alder Marchand told the committee that Mr. Pullen, City Assessor, was unable to attend so his briefing would be at another meeting.

At 8:08 PM, Alder Marchand closed the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst