

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jorge Cruz, Co-chair; Alfredo Castillo, Michelle Lyons, Samia Suliman.

**OTHERS** Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff; Joseph Katz, Central Grants;  
Tammy Papa Bridgeport Youth Services Director

This meeting was held via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

• **July 12, 2023 (Regular Meeting).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SULIMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2023 REGULAR  
MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Nieves joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

**121-22 Grant Submission: re Connecticut State Department of Education FY24 After-School Health Disparities Grant for Grades K-12 (Lighthouse After-School Program).**

Mr. Katz greeted the Commission and said that they don't need to send in an application, but they do need a Council approval. The grant is all contractual and is over \$400,000. He listed the six schools involved and noted that Ms. Papa was on the call also.

Ms. Papa said that the six schools named in the grant had been holding the program in the past. Originally there no funding allocated, however, she said that the State had realized that there was some Health Equity Funding available and it was determined by the State that the funds can be used for use for afterschool. Ms. Papa reviewed the details with the Committee members. She said that the State had not released some of the details yet.

These are typically five year grants, but next year, the funding period will change to three years funding with funding at 100%.

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Council President Nieves asked if the funding was restricted to operational. Ms. Papa said that the Health Department was turning the funding over to the State Department of Education. The State will let Ms. Papa know what kind of data and information is needed. She explained that since they originally thought there was no funding for these six schools, she wants to accept this funding.

Ms. Papa then gave a brief overview of the typical programs that include structured playtime and healthful food. The funding will be used for the current 21st Century sites and will be tied to the afterschool programming. A bid sink process was done in the spring, but then the State decided not to have a competitive bid process this year.

Council President Nieves said that the schools should have some kind of program that is focused on Health Equity. Ms. Papa said that this would not be an issue with them. She expects to have some criteria set by the State and this will be incorporated into the programs.

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED AGENDA ITEM 121-22 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY24 AFTER-SCHOOL HEALTH DISPARITIES GRANT FOR GRADES K-12 (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services