

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 03, 2026
6:00PM Executive Session / 7:00 PM Regular Meeting
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel
- B. Real Estate

3. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 3.a Garden Club Centennial Proclamation
- 3.b Cheek's Chicken Proclamation

4. OPENING OF MEETING TO ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sign-up sheet available 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.a Actions
- 5.b Minutes

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS

- 7.a Manager's Report
 - 7.a.1 Downtown Capital Projects Update and Presentation on Proposed 942 Main Street Redevelopment
Presentation by GRAVA Properties
- 7.b Other Reports

8. PRESENTATION OF BID WAIVER REQUESTS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS (formally advertised)

9.a Appropriation to Special Projects as follows:

9.a.1 Manchester Police Department/K-9 Unit..... \$ 2,500

to be funded by Public Donations, for the purpose of continuing the K-9 Unit Program.

9.a.2 Planning & Economic Development/ WORK_SPACE Galleries \$ 1,000

to be funded by the CT Office of the Arts, for the purpose of Cultural District stipend.

9.b Appropriations to Education Special Projects as follows:

9.b.1 Manchester Regional Academy (MRA) Tuition\$1,000,000

to be funded by Manchester Public Schools Out-of-Town Tuition, for the purpose of providing services to special needs students.

9.b.2 Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs Grant..... \$2,488,633

to be funded by The State of Connecticut, for the purpose of supporting programs to ensure that all students demonstrate the competencies and skills necessary to achieve mastery in literacy and numeracy as articulated in the Connecticut's Core Standards.

9.b.3 Title II, Part A - Supporting Effective Instruction Grant..... \$255,071

to be funded by The State of Connecticut, for the purpose of ensuring that all students are performing at or above grade level

9.b.4 Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition Grant \$ 67,625

to be funded by State of Connecticut, for the purpose of providing support to limited English proficient students to become proficient and reach high academic standards, at minimum attain proficiency or better in reading and mathematics

9.b.5 Smart Start Endowment Grant \$150,000

to be funded by The State of Connecticut, for the purpose of increasing the

number of preschool spots available in public schools.

9.b.6 Priority School District (PSD) Grant\$827,710

to be funded by State of Connecticut, for the purpose of assisting the district in improving student achievement and enhancing opportunities.

9.b.7 Adult Education Program Enhancement Project (PEP) Comprehensive 2 Grant..... \$50,000

to be funded by The State of Connecticut, for the purpose of promoting self-sufficiency of Adult Education Students.

9.b.8 Priority School District (PSD) - Extended School Hours Grant\$132,832

to be funded by State of Connecticut, for the purpose of academic, enrichment and recreational programs before and after school hours.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

11. ACTION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.a Appointments to Boards and Commissions which have members with terms expiring in December 2025 (except as otherwise noted)

12.a.1 Arts Commission

Vacancy left by Joanne Dorn (D)

Vacancy left by Michelle O’Neil (D)

Vacancy Parks & Rec Advisory Rep* left by Stacey Zackin

12.a.2 Housing and Fair Rent Commission

Vacancy left by Brenda Earle (D)

12.a.3 Health & Human Services Advisory

Vacancy left by Kelsey Boyne (D)

12.a.4 Library Building Committee

Vacancy (Community member*) left by Raquel Hutton(D)

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.a *Appropriation to Special Projects (under \$500) as follows:
- 13.b Appointment of Michael Stebe as a regular member and Daniela Luna as an alternate member to the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Regional Planning Commission, for the term ending December 2027.

These appointments to the regional planning commission are made biannually. Historically the Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. These were formally recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission in January 2026.

- 13.c Approval of an Application to the CT Department of Transportation Section 5310 Grant Program
- 13.d Authorization for the Town Manager to negotiate a Development Agreement with GRAVA Properties for the purchase and development of 942 Main Street and 1050 Main Street.
- 13.e Approval of Fire contract
- 13.f Approval of corrections to Boards and Commissions appointments
- 13.g Approval to fly the St. Patrick's Day Flag
- 13.h Approval of the arts & culture mini grant awards
- 13.i Position reclassification request

14. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA OR OF GENERAL CONCERN**15. ADJOURNMENT**