

**MINUTES OF MEETING
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 7, 2021**

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A meeting of the Human Services Committee was held on Monday, June 7, 2021, electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic The meeting was called to order at 7:48 P.M. by the Chair, Dominique Baez.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dominique Baez, Chair; Justin Farmer; Brad Macdowall; Betty Wetmore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jody Clouse, Vice-Chair; Athena Gary; Berita Rowe-Lewis;

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Appointment of Jacob Marrandino to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire October 31, 2023
-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Macdowall. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer commends this young man saying he knows him personally. Mr. Macdowall commends this young man saying he's also worked with him. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.
2. Reappointments of Lisa Jackson and Peter Carbine to the Human Services Commission for terms expiring March 1, 2024
-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Macdowall. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the public and emphasized the need for them as well. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.
3. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden on behalf of the Youth Services Bureau to accept and expend a donation from Phi Sigma Sigma for school supplies
-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Ms. Rubino presented the donation. Ms. Baez thanked the sorority and Ms. Rubino. Ms. Bonadies also thanked the sorority and asked how it would be administered/delivered to those in need. Ms. Rubino answered school supply closet and non-profit relationships. Mr. McGarry said he's thankful and this is part of the partnership between the Town and Quinnipiac. Ms. Rubino emphasized the importance of access and updated info on website. Mr. Farmer thanked Ms. Rubino and the students who regularly volunteer. He then asked about the statistics on book bags given away. Ms. Rubino said stats are flexible because the changing Covid caused needs. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

4. Order to approve 2021-2022 Agreement between Connecticut Department of Agriculture and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Local Coordinating Agency

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Baez. DISCUSSION: Ms. Burbage presented the program. - \$18 voucher for specifically nutrition. Mr. Farmer thanked Ms. Burbage and the State for this. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

5. Order authorizing the Mayor to accept and expend additional grant funds from the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for a Child Day Care Program for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Ms. Reichard said she's been fighting for this for years. Equal payment for each child slot. Mr. Farmer thanked her for the context and asked if the money would be carried over if we are unable to operate childcare because of Covid. Ms. Reichard said after July 1st will be paid per child.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Dominique Baez, Chair