



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, August 1, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman, and DeLuca. Also present were President Skigen and Rep. McMullen; Reverend Tommie Jackson, URC; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; and Edward V. O'Hanlan, Esq., Robinson & Cole.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
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In Executive Session:

1. F29.436 \$325,000.00	APPROVAL; Loan to Settle a Claim Against the Urban Redevelopment Commission (URC) and the City of Stamford. 07/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 07/14/16 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 9-0-0
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A motion to go into executive session was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor). Chair Di Costanzo noted that only committee members and Reverend Tommie Jackson, URC; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; and Edward V. O'Hanlan, Esq., Robinson & Cole were permitted to remain in the room during the executive session.

Rep. McMullen stated that he is an ex-officio member of any Board Committee and he believes he is entitled to stay in the executive session. Chair Di Costanzo read an excerpt from the [legal opinion](#) received from Corporation Counsel on July 28, 2016, as follows:

“The Board's Rules of Order do not confer on every member of the Board ex-officio status for every committee of the Board. The Rules of Order do provide that vice chairs of committees who are not members of the Steering Committee are ex-officio members of the Steering Committee. There is no other provision in the Rules of Order conferring ex-officio member status for any other members or for any other committees. Therefore, Board members are not ex-officio members of all of the Board's committees.”

President Skigen noted that he requested this opinion and is also not an ex officio member of the committee and would be leaving.

All non-members cleared the room and the Committee then went into executive session.

The Committee returned from executive session at 6:25 p.m. Chair Di Costanzo noted that no votes were taken in executive session.

A motion to approve this additional appropriation, in the amount of \$325,000, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) & [Pt. 2](#)).