

**CITY OF NORWALK
FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frayer called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Nicole Eaddy, Broderick Sawyer, Richard Dellinger, Brian Bailey, Johan Lopez, Dajuan Wiggins

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present, constituting a quorum. Dajuan Wiggins joined shortly after roll call.

ATTENDANCE: James Frayer, Chair; Nicole Eaddy, Richard Dellinger, Brian Bailey, Johan Lopez, Dajuan Wiggins, Broderick Sawyer

STAFF: Jared Schmitt, Finance Director; Lamond Daniels, Chief of Staff; Tom Ellis, Management & Budgets Director

OTHERS: Anne Wennerstrand, Josh Goldstein, Jan Degenshein, Jalin Sead

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

There was no action taken on this item.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation. Chair Frayer closed public participation at 6:02p.m.

V. REPORTS

There were no Reports.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET AND CAP REVIEW; DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Chair Frayer began the discussion stating that they are continuing from the last meeting. The proposal is a 4% increase for the Board of Education and a 10.7% increase for the city. Mr. Frayer stated the objective is to approve the cap on the operating budget and forward it to the full council for approval.

Mr. Schmitt shared his screen with the committee. He explained where the increases were coming from. Most of the increases are fixed costs. Healthcare costs have increased as well. The Committee went over impact scenarios. It was noted that some of the increases were subject to contractual obligations, having approved several contracts last year. A discussion ensued about other ways to save in an effort to fully fund the budget. The process was explained to new members and all questions were answered.

****MR. SAWYER MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE MAYOR'S PROPOSAL**

****MR. DELLINGER SECONDED THE MOTION**

****MS. EADDY OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED 6 TO 1**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m.