

Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg

Minutes of the Governing Board

Regular Meeting

February 25, 2026

Temple University Harrisburg, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg PA

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Members in Attendance	Mr. Doug Hill, Chair Ms. Kathy Speaker MacNett	
	Mr. Kevin Hancock arrived.	A Quorum Was Recognized
Ex-Officio Members in Attendance	Mr. Bryan McCutcheon, City of Harrisburg  Mr. Michael Wood, Pennsylvania Office of the Budget	
In Attendance	Mr. Jeffrey Stonehill, Authority Manager  Mr. Michael Cassidy, General Counsel	
Meeting Begins		3:00 p.m.
Welcome by Doug Hill, Chair	Mr. Hill opened the meeting.	
Discussion with Officials of the Harrisburg School District Regarding Issues of Mutual Concern with the City of Harrisburg's Financial Status	Mr. Hill introduced Dr. Benjamin Henry, Superintendent, Harrisburg School District and Dr. Marcia Stokes, Chief Financial Officer of the Harrisburg School District. Mr. Hill made note of the similar history of financial struggles between the City of Harrisburg and the school district.  Dr. Stokes gave a presentation regarding the current financial status of the school district and ways the school district can cooperate with the City.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school district's continued State DOE oversight and current status;</li> <li>• Challenge: Taxable Assessed Values;</li> <li>• The school district's Amended Recovery Plan Initiatives-Joint Impact.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Dr. Henry added that he looks forward to opportunities for the school district and the City to collaborate.</p> <p>Mr. Hancock asked about State DOE receivership and whether it goes into other areas beyond finances, such as academics. He also inquired about merging with other districts.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes mentioned that there have been a number of outside consultants employed over the years to attempt to correct the finances of the school district.</p> <p>Ms. MacNett spoke about families moving out of the City to raise their children.</p> <p>Dr. Henry added that the school district needs to tell their story, how it should be a desirable place to send your kids.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes said there are many solid programs beyond athletics.</p> <p>Ms. MacNett asked about collaboration with non-profits.</p> <p>Mr. Stonehill asked about shared services with other school districts or with the City.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes said there are many opportunities.</p> <p>Mr. Stonehill asked about the declining assessed value of real estate in the City.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes said the primary revenue source for the school district is State aid.</p> <p>Chairman Hill asked if the school district is authorized to issue debt financing.</p> <p>Mr. MacNett asked if the school district has Other Post Employment Benefit liabilities.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes talked about retirement benefits.</p>	
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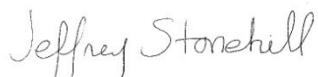
	<p>Mr. Hancock asked about cooperative purchasing programs.</p> <p>Mr. Hill noted that there should be cooperation between the City and the school district on solicitation of PILOTS from tax exempt property owners.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes said that they do not have a great strategy but cooperation with the City would be more effective.</p> <p>There was a discussion about reverse tax appeals.</p> <p>Mr. Stonehill noted the LERTA program cooperation.</p> <p>Ms. MacNett recognized school board member Annie Hughes in the audience.</p> <p>Mr. Eric Epstein was recognized by the Chair and was permitted to make a comment about ways to improve school district finances.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes responded to comments about school choice.</p> <p>Mr. Hill thanked Dr. Stokes and Dr. Henry for their attendance and said he looks forward to future collaboration.</p> <p>Dr. Stokes and Dr. Henry left the meeting.</p>	
<p>Approval of the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● January 28, 2026</li> </ul>	<p>On a motion by Ms. MacNett, Second by Mr. Hancock, the minutes were approved.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.</p>
<p>Report by the Chair</p>	<p>Mr. Hill reported that there was no opportunity to meet with the Mayor.</p> <p>He noted that he participated a meeting with stakeholders regarding economic development in the City of Harrisburg.</p>	
<p>Update on the Litigation Williams v. Harrisburg City Council</p>	<p>Mr. Hill said that the ICA Board was pleased that the Mayor and the Harrisburg City Council were able to reach an amicable resolution to the litigation.</p>	

	<p>He thanked Michael Cassidy, General Counsel, for his work on intervening in this issue.</p> <p>Mr. Hill summarized the solution agreed upon by the parties.</p> <p>Mr. Cassidy explained the nature of the compromise before the court.</p> <p>Mr. Hill said that the goal of the ICA Board was met by the compromise.</p>	
<p>Authorization to Accept the Revised 2026 Budget as an Update to the 2026 Five-Year Financial Plan</p>	<p>Mr. Hill noted that this is a routine step by the ICA Board following approval of the budget, and is prompted by correspondence received from the Mayor relative to the budget's adoption.</p> <p>The dispute which led to the litigation delayed the action, but could proceed at this juncture.</p> <p>Correspondence having received from the Mayor.</p> <p>Mr. McCutcheon explained that the salaries for the disputed positions had been reestablished.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Hancock, with a second from Ms. MacNett, the motion was approved.</p>	<p>Motion to Accept the Update to the 2026 Five-Year Financial Plan was approved 3-0.</p>
<p>Update on City Finances</p>	<p>Mr. Hill introduced Bryan McCutcheon, Accounting Manager for the City of Harrisburg, who provided the attendees with a handout about the Neighborhood Services Fund and the General Fund.</p> <p>He gave everyone an update on the City's audit for 2023.</p> <p>He reviewed the handout.</p> <p>Mr. McCutcheon reviewed the finances of the ongoing Broad Street Market project. There was a discussion about the receipt of insurance proceeds.</p>	

	<p>There was a discussion about the receipt of insurance proceeds.</p> <p>In sum, if insurance is received as anticipated, the City's contribution to the Broad Street Market reconstruction would be approximately \$4 million.</p> <p>Mr. Hancock asked about the wall collapse.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to invite the project manager to a future meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Cassidy asked about the basis of the insurance company calculation of their liability. Liberty Mutual is the carrier.</p> <p>There was a comment about building code compliance.</p>	
Update on the Grant Agreement to Provide \$50,000 in Funding to CREDC to Undertake a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan	Mr. Hill noted there is a proposed agreement, and execution and disbursement is anticipated before the next meeting.	
Authority Manager's Report	<p>Mr. Stonehill provided the financial report for February 2026.</p> <p>There has been a request submitted by Johnson Duffie for a legal services fee increase. There has been no rate increase since 2021.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. MacNett, with a second by Mr. Hancock, the motion passed.</p> <p>Mr. Hill thanked Mr. Cassidy for the excellent support he has provided the ICA Board.</p>	Authorization to Approve an Increase in the General Counsel Legal Services Rate, approved 3-0.
Update on Appointments	There is no news to report.	
Other Business	Mr. Hill thanked Council Vice-President Jones for the successful negotiations to resolve the litigation with Mayor Williams.	

	Vice-President Jones added some comments.	
Public Comments	<p>Mr. Eric Epstein asked about the tax assessment process. He asked about the City 2024 and 2025 audits. He asked for an update on COVID grant money balances. Mr. Stonehill added a statement about use of COVID money. Mr. Epstein asked about the funds.</p> <p>Mr. Troy Kieser, Local Government Policy Specialist, PA Department of Community &amp; Economic Development, asked about the status of the 2024 City audit.</p> <p>Mr. Brian Kimmeth asked about PILOT (payments in lieu of taxes) agreements. Mr. Stonehill suggested we need to ask staff to compile a list.</p> <p>Vice-President Jones asked about insurance payments for the Broad Street Market project and Mr. Hill suggested that the ICA Board should talk to the project manager for the Broad Street Market project. Mr. Jones said he has questions about the project.</p>	
Adjourn meeting at 4:38 p.m.	<p>Motion by Mr. Hancock.</p> <p>A second was not required.</p>	Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey M. Stonehill, Authority Manager

## Appendix Documents

SIGN-IN SHEET (ICA)

2/25/2026

Required of all attendees for an official record of public participation

Name (please print)	Address	Email	Phone
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Eric Epstein	RTC		
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CITY OF HARRISBURG

GENERAL FUND AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES FUND - SUMMARIZED REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE

Update thru February 24, 2026

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	General Fund <u>thru 2/24/26</u>	Neighborhood Svc Fund <u>thru 2/24/26</u>
Beginning cash basis fund balance	<u>14,363,623</u>	<u>5,061,001</u>
 <u>Revenue</u>		
Total revenue	<u>17,157,026</u>	<u>2,756,298</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Expenditures, mostly check run payments	6,338,535	1,761,259
Expenditures - payroll costs	<u>5,439,862</u>	<u>861,813</u>
Total expenditures	<u>11,778,397</u>	<u>2,623,072</u>
 Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	 <u>5,378,629</u>	 <u>133,226</u>
 Ending cash basis fund balance	 <u><u>19,742,252</u></u>	 <u><u>5,194,227</u></u>

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**BROAD STREET MARKET PROJECT SUMMARY UPDATE**  
**including Cumulative Expenditures thru 2/12/26 Check Run**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Actual funding resources already realized:	
Insurance proceeds	3,951,976.23
CDBG funds for architectural costs	1,000,000.00
Host Municipalities Fee Fund	500,000.00
Capital Projects Fund	825,000.00
State Grants Fund - accumulated interest income	<u>1,300,000.00</u>
Total actual resources	7,576,976.23
Actual cumulative expenditures thru 2/12/26	<u>3,099,577.68</u>
Current actual excess resources over actual expenditures	4,477,398.55
Less: current actual encumbrance balances	<u>(16,918,799.03)</u>
Less: current actual additional change order amounts	<u>(852,158.37)</u>
Resulting funding gap impact for support from the General Fund	<u>(13,293,558.85)</u>
Total estimated project cost	<u>20,870,535.08</u>

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 BROAD STREET MARKET PROJECT SUMMARY UPDATE  
 Cumulative Expenditures thru 2/12/26 Check Run

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Sunbelt Rentals</u>	<u>Other Temporary Relocation</u>	<u>Total for Temporary Relocation Site</u>	<u>Alexander construction manager</u>	<u>Murphy Dittenhafer architect</u>	<u>Other Project Costs</u>	<u>Lobar Associates initial boarding</u>	<u>Initial Construction Related Needs</u>	<u>Current (heavier) Construction Costs</u>	<u>Total Project Costs (non temp site costs)</u>
Paid expenditures	445,883.34	326,973.77	772,857.11	642,973.95	1,022,070.69	145,513.01	12,378.08	390,489.00	886,152.95	3,099,577.68
Current available encumbrance balances	233,655.90		233,655.90	526,899.05	750,224.81	73,623.81		6,000.00	15,562,051.36	16,918,799.03
current change orders, including pending			-	235,000.00	57,995.00	-		-	559,163.37	852,158.37
<b>Total Costs and Commitments</b>	<b>679,539.24</b>	<b>326,973.77</b>	<b>1,006,513.01</b>	<b>1,404,873.00</b>	<b>1,830,290.50</b>	<b>219,136.82</b>	<b>12,378.08</b>	<b>396,489.00</b>	<b>17,007,367.68</b>	<b>20,870,535.08</b>
Allocation of estimated insurance proceeds (4,951,976.23 thus far received)			1,000,000.00	25,000.00			12,378.08		10,689,587.92	10,726,966.00
CDBG funds - specific to architect costs					1,000,000.00					1,000,000.00
CDBG funds - additional eligible costs				1,379,873.00	830,290.50				304,470.82	2,514,634.32
Host Municipalities Fee Fund									500,000.00	500,000.00
Capital Projects Fund - interfund funds									825,000.00	825,000.00
State Grants Fund - interfund interest income									1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00
General Fund Resources			6,513.01			219,136.82		396,489.00	3,388,308.94	4,003,934.76
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>1,006,513.01</b>	<b>1,404,873.00</b>	<b>1,830,290.50</b>	<b>219,136.82</b>	<b>12,378.08</b>	<b>396,489.00</b>	<b>17,007,367.68</b>	<b>20,870,535.08</b>



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February 9, 2026

**Sent via email (jstonehill19@gmail.com)**

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg  
Attn: Jeffrey Stonehill, Authority Manager  
922 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

**RE: General Counsel/Fee Schedule**

Dear Jeffrey:

On January 27, 2021, the Board of Directors for The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg (the "Authority") took formal action to appoint my former colleague, Anna Marie Sossong, Esquire, as general counsel for the Authority. At the time of her appointment, Ms. Sossong submitted a representation agreement that was accepted by the Authority setting forth the terms and conditions of providing legal services to the Authority. The representation agreement established a rate of \$175.00 per hour for attorney services and \$80.00 per hour for paralegal services. On or about May 25, 2022, I transitioned into the role as general counsel for The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg as a result of Ms. Sossong's decision to depart this law firm and accept a role as in-house counsel with a private business entity. Since that time, I have continued to provide legal services to The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg in the capacity as general counsel pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the original representation agreement dated January 29, 2021.

Given that our rates have not changed over the last five years, we respectfully request that The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg approve a rate increase of \$200.00 per hour for attorneys and \$120.00 per hour for paralegals to be effective March 1, 2026. We are sensitive to the fiscal responsibility and stewardship role the Authority board members have as it relates to maintaining constraints on expenditures for professional services. However, we respectfully submit that a rate increase is warranted given the passage of time, existing market rates, and the level of service we have provided to date.

It is a professional honor and privilege to serve in the capacity as general counsel for The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg. I look forward to continuing working with you and Authority board members with assisting the City of Harrisburg achieve financial recovery and pursue

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JOHNSON, DUFFIE, STEWART & WEIDNER, P.C.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority  
Attn: Jeffrey Stonehill, Authority Manager  
February 9, 2026  
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economic development initiatives. I am happy to provide any additional information you or Authority board members may require with respect to the request set forth herein.

Very truly yours,

**JOHNSON DUFFIE STEWART & WEIDNER, PC**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.J. Cassidy", is written over the printed name of the attorney.

Michael J. Cassidy, Esquire

MJC:jkw:3038877.1

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**Re: Letter to ICA re General Counsel\_Fee Schedule(3038877.1)**

1 message

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**Jeffrey Stonehill** <jstonehill19@gmail.com>  
To: "Michael J. Cassidy" <mcassidy@johnsonduffie.com>

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 11:38 AM

Michael

Let this email serve as confirmation that at the Regular Meeting of the ICA Board on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, they approved the new fee schedule as proposed by your correspondence dated February 9, 2026, for any work undertaken on or after March 1, 2026.

Thanks  
Jeffrey Stonehill  
Authority Manager

On Mon, Feb 9, 2026 at 4:45 PM Michael J. Cassidy <mcassidy@johnsonduffie.com> wrote:

Jeffrey,

Attached is a letter to you confirming our fee arrangement that has been in place since Anna Marie Sossong's appointment in 2021 through today, as well as our request for an adjustment to the fee schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Mike

**Michael J. Cassidy**

Attorney

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Jeffrey Stonehill

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

HONORABLE WANDA R.D. WILLIAMS,	:	No. 2026-CV-00140
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Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW & EQUITY
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

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**ORDER**

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AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2026, upon consideration of the parties’ Joint Motion to Reopen Case for Limited Purpose of Adopting Joint Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Joint Motion is **GRANTED**; the record in this proceeding is **REOPENED**; the Joint Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice appended as “Exhibit A” to the Joint Motion is **APPROVED**; and the Court’s February 2, 2026 Order is **MODIFIED** consistent with the terms of the Joint Stipulation.

BY THE COURT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Jeffrey B. Engle

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

HONORABLE WANDA R.D. WILLIAMS,	:	No. 2026-CV-00140
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Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW & EQUITY
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v.	:	
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HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

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**JOINT MOTION TO REOPEN CASE FOR LIMITED PURPOSE OF ADOPTING  
JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

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Plaintiff, the Honorable Wanda R.D. Williams (“Mayor Williams”), and Defendant, Harrisburg City Council (“City Council”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, file the within Joint Motion to Reopen Case for Limited Purpose of Adopting Joint Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 208.1, Dauphin County Local Rule 208.3(a), and 42 Pa.C.S. § 5505, averring as follows:

1. On January 8, 2026, Mayor Williams filed a Complaint and a Petition for Emergency Injunction and Declaratory Ruling against City Council. (Docket.)
2. On January 14, 2026, City Council filed Preliminary Objections to the Complaint, a Response in Opposition to the Petition with New Matter, and a Brief in Opposition to the Petition. (Docket.)
3. This Court held a hearing on the Petition on January 21, 2026. (Docket.)

4. On February 2, 2026, this Court issued an Order and accompanying Memorandum Decision, denying and dismissing the Complaint and denying City Council's Preliminary Objections as moot. (2/2/26 Order.)

5. Section 5505 of the Judicial Code states that, "[e]xcept as otherwise provided or prescribed by law, a court upon notice to the parties may *modify* or rescind any order within 30 days after its entry, notwithstanding the prior termination of any term of court, if no appeal from such order has been taken or allowed." 42 Pa.C.S. § 5505 (emphasis added).

6. Subsequent to the entry of the Court's decision, but prior to the expiration of the time for taking an appeal, Mayor Williams and City Council engaged in good-faith negotiations to resolve the litigation in its entirety and avoid the necessity of further litigation and expense.<sup>1</sup>

7. On February 10, 2026, Mayor Williams and City Council reached an agreement to settle all claims in this proceeding, the terms of which are set forth in the Joint Stipulation attached as "**Exhibit A.**"

8. Mayor Williams and City Council believe that the agreed-upon settlement promotes judicial economy, provides finality for this dispute, and most important, serves the public interest.

9. Mayor Williams and City Council therefore request that this Honorable Court modify its February 2, 2026 Order by adopting the Joint Stipulation per the form of Order attached herewith.

10. Because time is of the essence, Mayor Williams and City Council respectfully request that the Court rule on the Joint Motion as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> We note that footnote 17, on page 22 of the Court's Memorandum Decision states:

Our legal opinion, however, does not contemplate the immediate need for any of the four positions to be funded and filled. We have little doubt that the failure to properly fill these positions, especially that of the Business Administrator may soon have severe consequences for City Government. We would urge both parties to engage in immediate and meaningful negotiations regarding their future course.

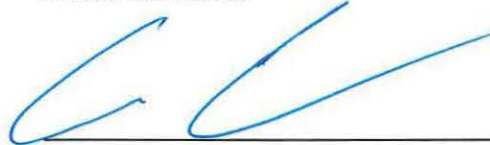
WHEREFORE, Mayor Williams and City Council respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant their Joint Motion to Reopen Case for Limited Purpose of Adopting Joint Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice and enter the form of Order submitted herewith.

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Dated: February 10, 2026

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Joint Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

HONORABLE WANDA R.D. WILLIAMS,	:	No. 2026-CV-00140
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Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW & EQUITY
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

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**JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

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Plaintiff the Honorable Wanda R.D. Williams (“Mayor Williams”) intends to appeal the Court’s February 2, 2026 Order. Mayor Williams and Defendant Harrisburg City Council (“City Council”), however, wish to avoid a costly and time-consuming appeal, especially given the serious economic challenges facing the City of Harrisburg and its residents. Therefore, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 229(a), Mayor Williams and City Council hereby stipulate and agree to the dismissal of all claims in this action per the terms set forth below:

1. City Council shall, through the budget reallocation process, fund the position of Business Administrator, fund the position of Project Director of Business Development and the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Administrator, and allocate funds for a new position of Director of Economic Development for purposes of the City’s 2026 fiscal year. The latter two positions shall be direct reports to Mayor Williams or her designee for the 2026 fiscal year.
2. The Mayor and City Council shall mutually honor each other’s respective roles of Mayoral appointment authority subject to the advice and consent of Council. In that spirit, the

Mayor shall identify and appoint a successor to fill the role of Business Administrator subject to the advice and consent of Council.

3. The Mayor shall discontinue the practice of the appointment of an “interim” department head. If a vacancy in a department head position remains unfilled beyond 120 days, the Mayor and City Council shall confer on the then-available options to meet the City’s obligations related to the specific department and duties.

4. The Mayor and City Council acknowledge that an amendment to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg restricting or otherwise limiting the expenditure of public funds for an individual serving in the capacity of an acting or temporary department head that is subject to the advice and consent of the Council beyond 120 days shall be offered in the form of a 2026 Bill for consideration by the Mayor, Council, and the public.

5. Notwithstanding any of the above statements and representations, it is the express intention of the parties that the Mayor and the City Council shall each retain all powers and authority granted to their respective branches of local government by law.

6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over the parties to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this document to be executed on the

last day set forth below.



Thomas C. Carter  
Commissioner of Public Safety  
on behalf of Mayor Wanda R.D.  
Williams

Dated: 2-10-26



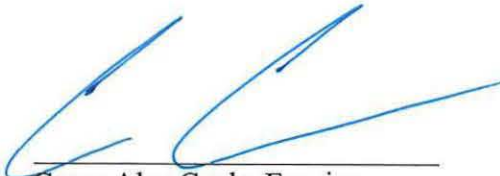
Renardo L. Hicks, Esquire  
Counsel for Plaintiff

Dated: 2-10-26



Hon. Danielle L. Hill  
President, Harrisburg City Council

Dated: 02/10/26



Casey Alan Coyle, Esquire  
Counsel for Defendant

Dated: 2/10/26

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I hereby certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Handwritten signature of Renardo L. Hicks in blue ink.

Renardo L. Hicks, Esquire

Date: February 10, 2026

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on February 10, 2026, I caused the foregoing JOINT MOTION TO REOPEN CASE FOR LIMITED PURPOSE OF ADOPTING JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE to be served upon the following, which service satisfies the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure:

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# Harrisburg School District

ICA Meeting Presentation February 2026

Dr. Marcia Stokes, CFO



# Agenda

- District's Oversight Journey and Current Status
- Challenge: Taxable Assessed Values
- Amended Recovery Plan Initiatives-Joint Impact

# District's Oversight Journey

**December 2012**

- Pennsylvania Department of Education declared HSD to be in a state of moderate financial recovery under Act 141
- PDE appointed a Chief Recovery Officer to oversee District
- Board of Education retained local control

**April 2013**

- Original Recovery Plan was finalized

**May 2016**

- Amended Recovery Plan was completed

**June 2019**

- District placed into Receivership under Section 671-A of Act 141
- Dauphin County Court appointed Receiver
- Board of Education lost local control with the exception of approval of the annual tax rate

**June 2021**

- Amended Recovery Plan was completed and approved

**January 2022**

- New Receiver appointed as Receiver by Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas

**June 2022**

- Receivership was extended by 3 years

**December 2023**

- Amendments to the Amended Recovery Plan were approved

**July 2024**

- Amendments to the Amended Recovery Plan were approved

**June 2025**

- District became the 1<sup>st</sup> to exit Receivership
- Board of Education regained local control
- Chief Recovery Officer position remained
- Entered a 5-year monitoring Phase

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- LS1** December 18, 2023 is when the amendment was approved that was filed in July 2023.  
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- LS2** [@Marcia Stokes], the other amendment was approved on July 18, 2024.  
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- LS3** [@Marcia Stokes], January 2022 - New Receiver appointed by Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas  
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# Current Status: Five Year Monitoring

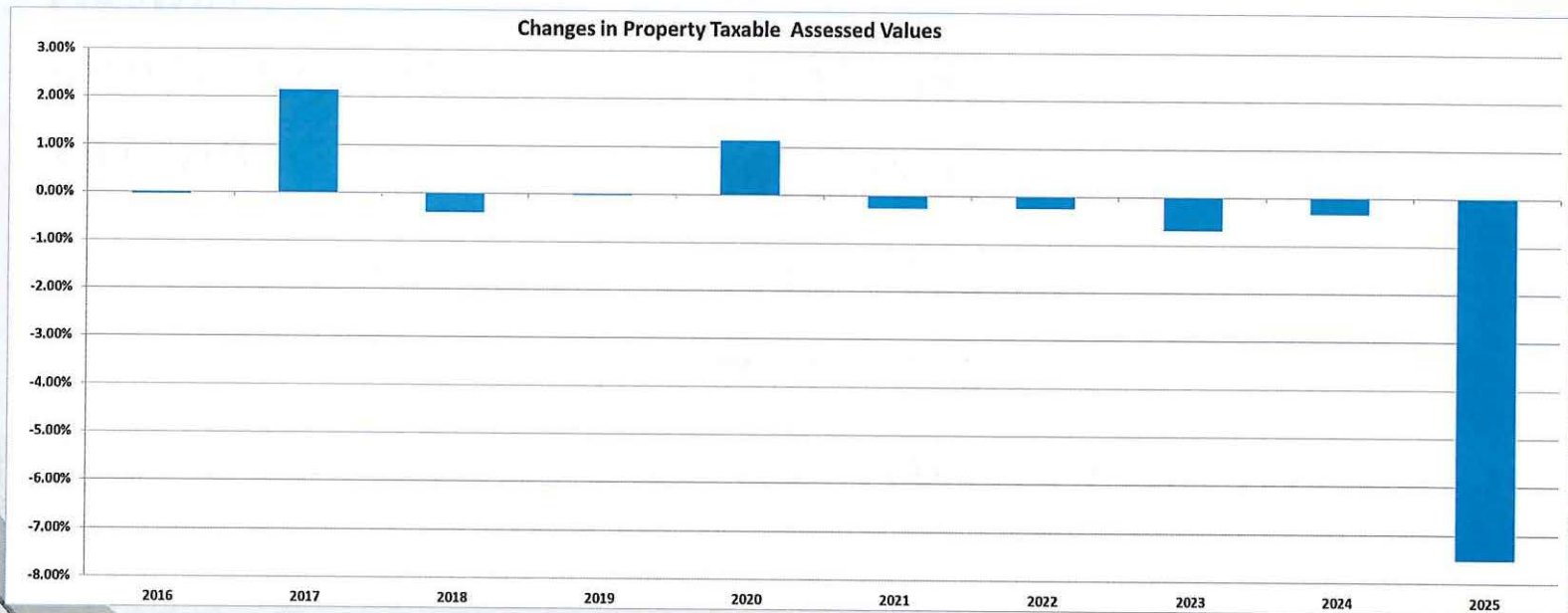
- Local control by elected School Board
- PDE appointed a Chief Recovery Officer to oversee District to ensure financial stability is maintained
- Continuation Amended Recovery Plan's Initiative and goals
  - 62 Initiatives
    - Academic Performance
    - Operations
    - Financial Management
    - Revenue
    - Workforce
  - 4 Academic Goals
  - During the 5-year monitoring phase, the District can return to Receivership if we fail to maintain the objective of the plan



# **Challenge: Taxable Assessed Values**

# Taxable Assessed Value History

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
City Of Harrisburg	1,598,311,600	1,588,297,100	1,601,021,600	1,606,595,100	1,586,619,800	1,586,228,700	1,620,368,200	1,614,058,900	1,613,909,802	1,632,371,402	1,628,287,502	1,624,244,311	1,613,228,890	1,607,818,590	1,486,793,340
% increase/Decrease	-0.30%	-0.63%	0.80%	0.35%	-1.24%	-0.02%	2.15%	-0.39%	-0.01%	1.14%	-0.25%	-0.25%	-0.68%	-0.34%	-7.53%



**Taxable  
Assessed Value  
Decline**

- **Taxable Assessed Value Decline**
  - **2021: -.25%**
  - **2022: -.25%**
  - **2023: -.68%**
  - **2024: -.34%**
  - **2025: -7.53%**
  - **2026: -1.4% (as of 1/6/26)**

## Current School Year Trend

From June School Budget approval to January 6, 2026:

- Decrease in Taxable Assessed Value: \$21 million
  - \$655,440 revenue decrease at current millage rate
- Increase in tax exempt properties: 27
  - From 1613 to 1640

## **Tax Exempt Properties**

### **Tax Exempt Properties:**

- **1640 properties are exempt from taxes**

- **Total exempt assessed value: \$1,570,283,130**

- **\$49,306,890 at current mill rate**

- **July 2025: Pilot of a campaign to solicit payments/contributions from exempt property owners.**

- **\$0 donations**



**Amended Recovery Plan:  
A Focus on Joint Impacts**

# **We Must Improve Together**

- School District cannot exit financial monitoring while a City is under the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (Act 47)

**Joint  
Impact  
Initiatives  
of the  
Amended  
Recovery  
Plan**

Revenue 02-Improve the current year real estate collection rate

Revenue 03-Develop partnerships with tax-exempt entities to generate voluntary payments

Revenue 07-Continue to support grant-writing professional

**Revenue 02-  
Improve the  
current year  
real estate  
collection rate**

City of Harrisburg serves as District's real estate tax collector

Collections Percentage:

FY 2023: 86.82%

FY 2024: 87.67%

FY 2025: 88.46%

FY 2026: 86.45%

District open to exploring ways to increase current collections for real property taxes

## **Revenue 03-Develop partnerships with tax-exempt entities to generate voluntary payments**

- Payments in Lieu of Taxes
  - Joint agreements benefiting both City and School District
- Identify potential businesses through planning commission, permitting, licensing, etc.

**Revenue 07-  
Continue to  
support grant-  
writing  
professional**

Look for opportunities for grants to benefit both School District and City

- Safety-School Safety
- Engaging activities for students outside the school day
- Improved safety for students walking to and from school

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Questions and  
Discussion on Possible  
Next Steps