

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on October 14, 2025 in the Shaw's Cove Family Engagement Room and via Zoom Webinars.

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1. Call to Order

Ms. Hambey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Susan Hambey – Committee Chair
Aaron Ide – Community Member

Absent for the Committee: Karen Bergin – Committee Member
Alisha Blake – Committee Member

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- September 8, 2025

Motion by Mr. Ide seconded by Ms. Hambey, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting

***Motion failed, 1-0-1
Abstaining: Mr. Ide***

4. Discussion on the Following

- Nathan Hale Public Address (PA) System

Mr. Gautier that the public address system failed at Nathan Hale. Unfortunately, there are no companies in the region which are able to work on the system. Currently, Mr. Gautier was able to determine a temporary fix, but it is still in progress and the clocks are not working. He stated that ultimately the likely cost will be approximately \$200,000 to replace. He shared that there is an option to go with a system in which the same wiring can be used, but other options will require a different category of wire. He stated that he is going to be including this project in the Capital Improvement Plan, but when information has been shared from the State about the DRIP grant, he would like to use the funds on this project if possible.

Mr. Gautier also noted that the Capital Improvement Plan is not listed on the agenda for this meeting because it is still being updated. He contacted the City to ask for a copy of their Plan, but when it was received he learned that none of the Board's items are included on the City's plan. Conversations with the City are underway regarding this plan.

- Operations Budget FY26

Mr. Gautier shared that he will continue to update the committee with the numbers of the current budget encumbrances and expenses. This is a draft for feedback moving forward.

5. Committee Member Comments

None.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Mr. Ide, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services