HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 20, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Peter Downhour, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Board Members: Peter Downhour, David Asbery(Virtual), Marcia Brown, Mario Ciccarini, Crystal Dailey, Nancy Hill, Greta Johnson(Virtual 6:04 P.M.), and Christopher Piscitelli
Staff: Gary Highsmith, Tom Ariola, Erin Bailey, and Susan Smey
Student Representative: Kalu Ogbaa

Board Chair, Peter Downhour, appointed Christopher Piscitelli as Acting Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Agenda Items: Jacqueline Bryne and Rachel Silverman.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The Superintendent and Tom Ariola presented the deficit mitigation plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. The following Board members made comments on the deficit mitigation plan: David Asbery, Crystal Dailey, Marcia Brown, Nancy Hill, Greta Johnson, Mario Ciccarini, Christopher Piscitelli and Peter Downhour.

The Board Chair stated there will be another special meeting on May 26, 2026 to continue with the discussion of the deficit mitigation plan. The Superintendent stated that all the information might not be available for Tuesday's meeting. If that is the case, the Board Chair stated the special meeting would then take place on May 28, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Move to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.
   Downhour
   Seconded by: Piscitelli
   In Favor: Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Dailey, Hill, Johnson and Piscitelli

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Piscitelli, Acting Board Secretary