

CERTIFICATE
Court Facilities Capital Review Board
City of Middletown

WHEREAS the Governor of New York signed into law Chapter 825 of the Laws of 1987, known as the Court Facilities Act, on August 7, 1987; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act created the Court Facilities Capital Review Board (“Board”) pursuant to Section 1680-c of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS the Governor of New York has duly appointed the members of the Board pursuant to said section; and

WHEREAS the Board is empowered by said section to review and approve overall plans and cost estimates for the design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing or equipping of facilities of the courts and court-related agencies of the Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act, in Judiciary Law section 219, requires each local government in New York to submit such plans, in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts, for review and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS in 1989 the Mayor of the City of Middletown submitted such a plan in conformance with Judiciary Law section 219 and in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Capital Review Board reviewed the Capital Plan submitted by the Mayor of the City of Middletown and, being satisfied that the facilities to which the Capital Plan relates would be suitable and sufficient for the transaction of business of the Unified Court System, approved said Capital Plan on April 18, 1989; and

WHEREAS beginning in 2014, additional court space was needed to accommodate a new full-time judge appointed by the Legislature, and the City Court has relied on the City Council chamber as an interim second courtroom; and

WHEREAS the City of Middletown purchased the vacant federal courthouse at 25 South Street, and the City has now moved forward to begin construction and renovation of the courthouse that will provide two courtrooms, attorney conference rooms, a jury room, court offices, clerk’s office, files rooms, IT room, conference rooms, and other support staff spaces; and

WHEREAS the City Council approved the project on November 4, 2024, and construction has begun in 2025, with the project expected to be completed in mid-December 2025; and

WHEREAS the City of Middletown is utilizing its own funds to cover the \$5 million cost of the project; and

WHEREAS on March 18, 2025, by letter along with supporting documents, the City submitted its revised Capital Plan amendment for the courthouse renovation project; and

WHEREAS the Ninth Judicial District Administrative Office, local court administrators, and OCA's architectural staff participated in the development and review of the planning and design of the facility and recommend its approval; and

WHEREAS the City confirms that the project has been designed to meet all current building codes, ADA requirements, environmental laws, regulations and ordinances, court facility guidelines, Unified Court System and local law enforcement security requirements, and the Office of Court Administration's technology requirements; and

NOW BE IT CERTIFIED that the Board has reviewed the Capital Plan submitted by the City of Middletown on March 18, 2025, and finding that the facilities provided by such Capital Plan will be suitable and sufficient for the transaction of business of the Unified Court System, hereby approves said amended Capital Plan as set forth in this Certificate.

WITNESSETH, this 29th day of April, 2025, on behalf of the Court Facilities Capital Review Board:



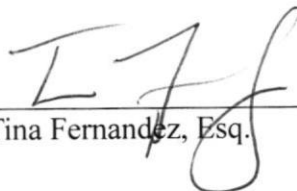
Hon. Norman St. George, Chair



Jonathan Weinberg, as designated by
Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal



Assemblymember Charles Lavine



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