

**Resolution 2025-26: 02**

**Approval of RJSCB FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget**

**By Board Member Kabutey Ocansey**

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB implemented procedures for establishing and approving its operating budget (“Operating Budget”) each fiscal year (the “Budget Policy”) (Resolution 2011-12: 86); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Budget Policy, the Chair and Treasurer have drafted a proposed Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, a copy of which is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, at the RJSCB meeting on July 15, 2025, the Chair recommended that the proposed Operating Budget be accepted for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered, discussed and deliberated the Chair’s recommendation at the Board’s July 14, 2025 meeting and the Board now acts as follows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves the Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and
2. The RJSCB hereby authorizes the Chair or his designee to forward a copy of the approved Operating Budget to the District as so described in the Budget Policy.

**Second by Board Member Ronald Gaither**

**Adopted: 8-0**