

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President  
JEFF CURTIS  
Clerk of the Board  
MEGAN COTTRELL

Majority Leader  
NINA SHERWOOD  
Minority Leader  
MARY L. FEDELI

## ACTION REPORT

Rep. Sherwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

I, Jeff Curtis, President of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:30 p.m.

by computer, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82997452646> or [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) – Webinar ID - 829 9745 2646 or  
by phone 1-646-558-8656 – Webinar ID - 861 1038 5700.

to consider and act upon the following:

1. P31.045 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Police Association for the Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.  
10/10/23 – Submitted by Al Cava  
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
11/09/23 – NEGATIVE Advisory Opinion by Board of Finance 6-0-0
2. P31.046 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Professional Firefighters' Association, Local 786, IAFF for the Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025.  
10/10/23 – Submitted by Al Cava  
11/09/23 – NEGATIVE Advisory Opinion by Board of Finance 6-0-0

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Annie Summerville.

<sup>1</sup>ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 28 members present and 12 members absent or excused (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Ley, Matheny,

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:03:33

Miller, Moore, Morson, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins, were present; Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Curtis, Jacobson, Mays, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Shinn, and Weinberg were absent or excused. Reps. Fedeli, Patterson, Pavia and Saftic joined the meeting after roll call for a total of 32 members present and 8 members absent or excused. Rep. Berns left the meeting from 7:00 p.m. until 8:22 p.m.

Also present were Al Cava, HR Director; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Chief Tim Shaw and Captain Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police Department; Chief Robert Morris and Mike Robles, Stamford Fire Department; Ana Gonzalez, Labor Relations Specialist; David O'Meara, Stamford Police Association President; Paul Anderson, Stamford Professional Fire Fighter Local 786 President; and Gabe Jiran, Esq., Shipman & Goodwin, LLP.

<sup>2</sup>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE: A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

COMMUNICATIONS: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell.

1. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 848 7455 8071. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
2. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
3. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.
4. The Board of Representatives holiday party will be on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Zody's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.
5. There will be I.D.E.A.S. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility Strategies) for all Board members on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Library or on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Food will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to the Board office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Rep. Sherwood

PRESENTATION: Anabel Figueroa, Chair, Personnel Committee; Al Cava, Director of Human Resources.

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<sup>3</sup>1. P31.045 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Police Association for the Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.  
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11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
11/15/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

**REJECTION  
OF  
AGREEMENT  
FAILED BY A  
ROLL CALL  
VOTE OF 3-  
20-7**

A motion to reject Item No. 1 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 3-20-7 (Reps. Gilbride, Goldberg, and Miller in favor; Reps. Campbell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Graham, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Moore, Morson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins opposed; Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Figueroa, Garst, Jean-Louis, Summerville, and Tomas abstained).

<sup>4</sup>2. P31.046 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Professional Firefighters' Association, Local 786, IAFF for the Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025.  
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**REJECTION  
OF  
AGREEMENT  
FAILED BY A  
ROLL CALL  
VOTE OF 3-  
26-2**

A motion to reject Item No. 2 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 3-26-2 (Reps. Gilbride, Goldberg, and Miller in favor; Reps. Berns, Boeger, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Graham, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins opposed; Reps. Moore, and Tomas abstained),

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Rep. Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)

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<sup>3</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:13:42

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