The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut and remotely.

## **ACTION REPORT**

Representative Nina Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg, Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth EI [20<sup>th</sup> District] – In person.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 35 members present and 5 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns (left meeting at 10:30 p.m.), Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford (left meeting at 10:30 p.m.), Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams were present; Reps. Curtis, Grunberger, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta and Tomas were absent/excused).

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

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** Read into the record by Clerk Cottrell: 1) Suzy Zelkowitz; 2) Ron Marcus; <u>MILITARY</u>: 3) Lance Corporal Albert Aguilera, 22, Riverside, California; 4) Lance Corporal Marcellino Gamino, 28, Fresno, California

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Read into the record by Clerk Cottrell:

- The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is <u>Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup></u> at 5:00 p.m. Please submit all items for Steering to <u>BOR officestaff@stamfordct.gov</u>.
- 2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- 3. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00pm.
- 4. The next Special Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00pm.
- 5. Birthdays this month: 1) Rep. Bobby Pavia; Board Staffer Sheila Hughes

- The invocation for the June Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the <u>1<sup>st</sup> District</u> (Representatives Kuczynski and Watkins). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 7. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call.
- 8. If you need assistance with Zoom you can call IT at the second second
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

#### HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1.	<u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Congratulating Harry Day on becoming the 2025 Citizen of the Year 4/7/2025 - Submitted by 31 <sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
2.	RESOLUTION; Honoring the Veterans Resources Center for the 75 <sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day. 4/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
3.	RESOLUTION; Honoring Stamford Fire Chief Robert (Rex) Morris Sr. for Winning the Prestigious 2025 Tom Brennan Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) 4/11/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Morson and Fedeli	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
4.	RESOLUTION; Congratulating Jessie Mae Dixon on her 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday. 04/30/25 – Submitted by Rep. Summerville	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Session opened at 8:44 p.m.

Speakers were: 1) Kieran Edmondson – In person; 2) Gina Calabrese – Remotely; 3) Dave Adams – In person; 4) Judith Martinez – In person; 5) Veola Kelly – In person; 6) Donna Lucas –

Remotely; 7) Brittany Lawrence – In person; 8) Gormandy Maxima – In person

Public Participation Session closed at 9:08 p.m.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

STEERING COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance</u> & Votes <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:	Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Attendance & Votes	Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Minutes & Video	Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
	6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
	webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above.

1.A31.199	Arts & Culture Commission Lynn Colatrella (D) Reappointment Stamford, CT 06905 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 04/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons 04/29/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
2.A31.200	Health CommissionThomas Getreuer (D)ReappointmentStamford, CT 06902Term Expires: 12/1/202504/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
3.A31.201	Personnel CommissionIsobel Bonar (U)Repl. Main (D)12/1/2025Stamford, CT 06907Term Expires: 12/1/202504/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
4.A31.202	Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Jenifer Bloodsworth (D <i>Repl. Woods (U)12/1/2021</i> Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2027 04/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons 04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 6-0-2	APPROVED ON CONSENT

5.A31.203	Social Services Commission Anne Liss Johnson (D) Repl. Peterson (D)12/1/2027 Stamford, CT 06905 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 04/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons 04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
6.A31.204	Harbor Management CommissionMike Pensiero (U)ReappointmentStamford, CT 06902Term Expires: 12/1/202704/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
7.A31.205	Harbor Management CommissionRuss Hollander (D)ReappointmentStamford, CT 06902Term Expires: 12/1/202704/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons04/29/25 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT
8.A31.206	Harbor Management CommissionJosef Graham (D)ReappointmentStamford, CT 06903Term Expires: 12/1/202704/02/25 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons04/29/25 - Held by Committee	HELD
9. <u>A31.207</u>	ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, Authorities, Boards and Commissions, §6-123 Duties and responsibilities (Appointments Commission) 04/09/225 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 04/29/25 – Held by Committee	HELD

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 7, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Walson, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

FISCAL COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance & Votes</u> Minutes & <u>Video</u> Sean Boeger, Co-Chair Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

**REPORT MADE** 

CONSENT

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above.

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04/03/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	ENT
04/08/2025 – Approved by the Planning Board	Eedeli,
04/09/2025 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0	& Sherwood
04/28/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1	ed)

2. <u>F31.555</u> REVIEW; 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report 04/04/2025 – Submitted by Elda Sinani 04/28/2025 – Report Made

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Fedeli, Gilbride and Sherwood abstained).

# LEGISLATIVE & RULESPhil Berns, CCOMMITTEE:Sean BoegerAttendance & VotesMeeting: TuesMinutes & Video7:00 p.m. – Br

Phil Berns, Chair Sean Boeger, Vice Chair Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above.

1. LR31.091 ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; on RECOMMITTED banning the sale, provision, and distribution of single use TO STEERING plastic products in food and beverage establishments. 01/06/25 - Submitted by Reps. Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz and Berns 01/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering 01/28/25 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 02/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0 04/07/25 – Approved for Public Hearing 04/29/25 – Public Hearing held and Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 2. LR31.097 RESOLUTION and public hearing: Approving a sublease **APPROVED ON** 

between Optimus Health Care, Inc. and the City of

Stamford, CT located at 138 Stillwater Avenue for City's health Clinic (Displaced from Lathon Wider Center) 03/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 04/08/25 – Approved by the Planning Board 04/09/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 04/29/25 – Public Hearing held and Approved by Committee 8-0-0

3. <u>LR31.098</u> RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the City's 2023 Lease of Space on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Government Center to Congressman Himes. 03/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 04/08/25 – Approved by the Planning Board 04/09/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 04/29/25 – Public Hearing held and Approved by Committee 8-0-0

- 4. <u>LR31.099</u> RESOLUTION; Urging The Connecticut General Assembly To Adopt Statewide Measures Aligned With Stamford's Sustainable Waste Ordinance. 03/31/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale and Berns 04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
- 5. LR31.100 ORDINANCE for publication; Requiring a Citywide **RECOMMITTED** Transition to Electric Landscaping Equipment in the City of Stamford 04/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale, de la Cruz, Mays, Weinberg and Berns 04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
- 6. LR31.101 RESOLUTION; Urging The Administration, The Board Of **APPROVED VIA** Finance and The Planning Board To Appropriate Capital ROLL CALL Funds to Fix Scofield Manor. VOTE 04/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Roqueta, 32-2-1 Cottrell, Camporeale, Moore, Campbell, Williams, (Rep. Shaw abstained) Patterson, Stella, Walston, Tomas, Kuczynski, Boeger, Pavia, Matheny, Saftic, Pierre-Louis, Figueroa, Graham, de la Cruz, Strain, Vandervoort, Adams and Sandford 04/29/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Item Nos. 2 and 3 were moved to the Consent Agenda, seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote. Item No. 6 (LR31.101) was moved, seconded, and discussion ensued. During discussion, a motion to amend Item 6 to include the language ", even if it may mean increasing taxes to do so" was made (Rep. Weinberg), seconded (Rep. Goldberg), and discussion ensued.

Rep. Walston moved the question, was seconded, and the roll call vote to move the question passed 29-5-1 (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Patterson, Pavia,

Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams in favor; Reps. Boeger, Goldberg, Morson, Pollack, and Weinberg against; Rep. Blank abstained). The proposed amendment subsequently failed via roll call vote 3-32-0 (Reps. Goldberg, Ley, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams against.)

Item No. 6 was approved via roll call vote of 32-2-1 (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, and Williams voted in favor; Reps. Goldberg and Weinberg voted against; Rep. Shaw abstained)

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mary Fedeli, Chair Bobby Pavia, Vice Chair

> RECOMMITTED TO STEERING

Chair Fedeli reported that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee and no report.

LAND USE/URBAN	Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:	Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair
<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u>	Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Minutes & <u>Video</u>	7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Rep. Matheny reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. No motions were made on any of the items.

1. <u>LU31.043</u>	REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street. 08/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams 08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 09/18/24 – Held by Committee 10/24/24 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0 11/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 12/09/24 – Held at Steering 01/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0 02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0 03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
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 LU31.053 REVIEW; Status of 1201 Washington Boulevard, Resident Relocation Plans and Potential Conversion to UConn Dorms as well as the future plans of the University of Connecticut (UCONN)- University and Research Overlay District. 03/05/25 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell, Campbell, and Sherwood 02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0 03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0 04/23/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

#### As a Secondary Committee: HCD/SS Committee

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:	Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
Attendance & Votes	Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair
Minutes & <u>Video</u>	Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2025
	6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. He advised that the actions from the Minutes were not "Report Made" but instead are "Recommitted to Steering". No motions were made on Item Nos. 1 through 8.

1. O31.049	REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads. 03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis 03/11/24 – Held at Steering 04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 06/17-24 – No Action Taken 07/15/24 – Held at Steering 08/12/24 – Held at Steering 02/20/25 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 – Report Made	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING
2. O31.069	REVIEW; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs. 03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 – Report Made	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING
3. O31.064	REVIEW; status of opening day for cafeteria at government center 01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa 01/13/25 – Moved to pending 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 – Report Made	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING

4. O31.065 REVIEW: organizations allowed to use city hall for public RECOMMITTED meetings and the money generated from it. **TO STEERING** 01/07/25 - Submitted by Rep. Figueroa 01/13/25 - Moved to pending 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 - Report Made 5. O31.056 REVIEW; Status of Cedar Heights Road Bridge. RECOMMITTED 05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns TO STEERING 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 06/17-24 - No Action Taken 07/15/24 - Held at Steering 08/12/24 - Held at Steering 09/16/24 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 10/21/24 - Held by Committee 6-0-0 11/18/24 - Held by Committee 6-0-0 12/09/24 - Held at Steering 01/23/25 - Report Made 02/03-25 - Report Made 04/24/25 - Report Made 6. O31.051 REVIEW; Status of Design and Implementation of Long-RECOMMITTED Term Solutions to Toilsome Brook Flooding Upstream of **TO STEERING** Culverts at Dannell Drive, Silver Hill Lane and White Birch Lane. 02/18/24 - Submitted by Rep. Berns 03/11/24 - Held at Steering 04/15/24 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 05/20/24 - Recommitted to Steering 5-2-0 06/17-24 - No Action Taken 07/15/24 - Held at Steering 08/12/24 - Held at Steering 09/16/24 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 10/21/24 - Held by Committee 6-0-0 11/18/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 04/24/25 - Report Made REVIEW; Confidentiality of Blight Complaints RECOMMITTED 7. 031.071 04/09/25 - Submitted by Rep. Berns TO STEERING 04/24/25 - Report Made 8. O31.072 REVIEW; Status and update of blight complaint on Silver RECOMMITTED Hill Road. TO STEERING 04/09/25 - Submitted by Rep. Berns 04/24/25 – Report Made **PUBLIC SAFETY &** Jeffrey Stella, Chair HEALTH COMMITTEE: **Eric Morson, Vice Chair** 

Chair Stella reported that there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no

report. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Attendance & Votes

Minutes & Video

Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025 7:00 p.m. –By webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the committee met as indicated above.

 

 1. PR31.042
 RESOLUTION; Amending the City of Stamford Parks and Recreation Commission Parks & Recreation Facility Regulations, per Code §175-1 (adopted by the Board of Representatives <u>Res. 3889</u> and Amended by Resolution <u>4287</u>) 03/31/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny 04/21/25 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0
 APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

HELD

2. <u>PR31.028</u> REVIEW; Proposed Scalzi Park Bocce Court Reconstruction Plan, along with Associated Costs. 10/04/23 – Submitted by Reps. Matheny and Tomas 11/30/23 – Report Made 12/04/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board 01/08/24 – Moved to the Pending Agenda 04/21/25 – Held by Committee

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Megan Cottrell, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Cottrell reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above.

1. <u>E31.048</u> APPROVAL; of a proposed contract between the City and Landmark Facilities Group, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the partial replacement of HVAC system at Northeast Elementary School 03/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 04/09/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-1 04/22/25 – Approved by Committee 4-0-1 2. E31.047 REVIEW; Data-Based analysis of 4x4 hybrid school schedule including overall efficacy, impact on students mental health, school support accommodations, and students with special needs. 04/09/25 – Submitted by Rep. Stella, Williams, Campbell and Curtis 04/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/	Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:	Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair
<u>Attendance</u>	Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025
<u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u>	6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Moore reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. No motions were made on Item No. 1

1. HCD31.073 REVIEW; Current qualification status of BMR unit residents of 1201 Washington Blvd. 02/05/25 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger, Moore, Roqueta and Walston 04/21/25 – Report Made

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: David Watkins, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

#### STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair Ashley Ley, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Ley reported that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### OUTSIDE COUNSEL/HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE:

Jeff Curtis, Chair

Meeting Chair Sherwood reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel/ High Ridge Litigation Committee and no report.

#### MINUTES

1.	APPROVAL; April 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting	APPROVED ON CONSENT
2.	APPROVAL; May1, 2025, Special BUDGET Board Meeting	APPROVED ON CONSENT

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Chair Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

This meeting is on video.