

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

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

We, as members of the 31st 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, May 15, 2024

8:30 p.m.

Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

,this meeting will also be held remotely and can be accessed on zoom by computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82274014467> or [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) – Webinar ID: 822 7401 4467 or by telephone at 646-558-8656 – Webinar ID: 822 7401 4467.

To consider the following

1. **CENSURE** of Representative Carl Weinberg for conduct which impairs the ability of the members to perform the duties of his or her office or substantially impairs public confidence in the Stamford Board of Representatives.  
03/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
2. **Resolution** Recommendation of Representative Carl Weinberg to complete sensitivity training.

Requested by,

Jeffrey Stella  
Terry B. Adams  
Fred Pierre-Louis  
Bonnie Kim Campbell  
Karen Camporeale  
Megan Cottrell  
Virgil De La Cruz  
Anabel D. Figueroa  
Chanta Graham  
Thomas Kuczynski  
Jennifer Matheny

Mavina F. Moore  
Sean Boeger  
Robert Roqueta  
Ines Saftic  
Nina Sherwood  
Christina Strain  
Annie M. Summerville  
Carmine Tomas  
Kindrea Walston  
Dakary Watkins

## AGENDA:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Jeff Curtis

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell

PRESENTATION: Rep. de la Cruz

ADJOURNMENT:

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March 4, 2024

Dear Colleagues:

One of our colleagues, Representative Weinberg, used dehumanizing language ('ruling pigs') in reference to several members of the Board of Representatives in an op-ed that was published in the Stamford Advocate (see attached). These members include African Americans, immigrants, children of immigrants, Latinos, people who speak English as a second language, women, etc. Regardless of whether the members fall into protected classes or not, calling a colleague a 'ruling pig' is always wrong, although the sting may be felt in a sharper way for some.

In addition, Representative Weinberg has spent a lot of time casting aspersions and spreading conspiracies about his Board of Representatives colleagues on Next Door and to the press. Several exhibits are attached which illustrate this point. According to Robert's Rules of Order, Chapter XX, members "are required to be of honorable character and reputation." Furthermore, Robert's Rules of Order Chapter IV section 30 states that members must, "never attack or make any allusion to the motives of members."

The aforementioned behavior is distasteful, divisive, and undermines confidence in the Board of Representatives as the city's legislative body.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey Stella  
Stamford Board of Representatives  
District 9

**BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES RESOLUTION REGARDING CENSURE OF REPRESENTATIVE CARL WEINBERG AND RECOMMENDATION TO COMPLETE SENSITIVITY TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, Representative Carl Weinberg has, and continues to openly attack Board members during Committee and Board meetings, and,

**WHEREAS**, these attacks impugn the actions and motives of target members, and

**WHEREAS**, such behavior disrupts the conduct of Committee and Board business, and

**WHEREAS**, this conduct introduces friction and division into Committee and Board deliberations, and,

**WHEREAS**, Representative Weinberg exports such attacks to the public via the press and social media, and,

**WHEREAS**, such attacks are laced with partial and outright misinformation and are sometimes conspiratorial in nature and,

**WHEREAS**, in particular, the use of the language, "ruling pigs" in an op-ed published in the Stamford Advocate can be construed, depending on the person targeted, as being xenophobic, misogynistic, racist, and altogether wildly inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a city legislator, and

**Whereas**, such behavior serves to delegitimize the Stamford Board of Representatives, the legislative body of the City of Stamford, and

**WHEREAS**, faith in our government institutions is essential for a functioning Democracy, and

**WHEREAS**, said Representative may be oblivious to the harm he impinges on others, and on the reputation and legitimacy of the Board of Representatives,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Representative Carl Weinberg be censured and it is requested that the member complete sensitivity training through Stamford's Human Resources Department to avoid such behaviors happening again.