



Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives

Denis W. Patterson, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.

The Appointments Committee will meet as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Absent or excused were Reps. Cottrell and Kuczynski. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg, Graham, and Stella; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Dana Lee, Attorney; Aaron Miller, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and members of the public.

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. A31.139	REVIEW; Presentation and discussion of the new City website pages concerning membership and vacancies on the city's Boards and Commissions 08/07/24 Submitted by Rep. Patterson	Report Made

Chief of Staff Fox gave an overview of the updated website.

- Since 2021, Mayor Simmons has appointed eighty-two residents to Boards and Commissions.
- There are 73,447 registered voters in Stamford.
- The application process for Boards and Commissions has been digitized and streamlined.
- The new page features:
 - Thumbnails for:
 - View Boards and Commissions.
 - Apply to a Board or Commission.
 - View downloadable Boards and Commissions report.
 - A City of Stamford Boards and Commissions break down:
 - Gender.
 - Party affiliation.
 - Ethnicity.
 - Tabs for information on:
 - Boards.
 - Members.
 - Vacancies.

The Reps. discussed the updated web page and offered feedback.

2. A31.124 REVIEW; Establishing the Order in which Expirations and Vacancies are Filled on Boards and Commissions. **Report Made**
06/05/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
07/01/24 – Held by Committee
07/30/24 – No action Taken

Attorney Lee provided information regarding expirations and vacancies.

- There is no state law that requires the Appointments Committee to fill one seat before another.
- An ordinance can be created establishing the order of appointments.

Rep. Stella suggested an order for filling expirations and vacancies:

- Expired who have been voted out.
- Expired.
- Vacant.

A motion to hold Item 2 was made, seconded, and failed due to lack of a quorum voting.

3. A31.140 REVIEW; Discussion on what information needs to be redacted from candidate resumes presented to the Appointments Committee for consideration **Report Made**
08/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Walston, Summerville and Patterson

Information that is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act:

- Names.
- Addresses and phone numbers.
- Religious and political affiliations.

The public information is available without redaction unless there is an exception that applies such as:

- Personnel records where the disclosure is not a legitimate matter of public concern or considered highly offensive.

Attorney Lee will draft a memo explaining the laws regarding disclosing public information. Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denis W. Patterson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).