



## ***Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives***

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

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025

**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 met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Also in attendance were Reps. Pollack, Sherwood, and Stella. Absent or excused were Reps. Baines and Kuczynski.

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. A31.206	<b>Harbor Management Commission</b> Josef Graham (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 4/2/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons <b>4/29/2025 – Held by Committee</b>	<b>Motion to approve 6/0/0</b>

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

2. A31.208	<b>Board of Ethics</b> Christine Dzujna (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Stamford, CT 06902 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 5/7/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	<b>Motion to approve 6/0/0</b>
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A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

3. A31.209	<b>Environmental Protection Board</b> Thomas Romas (R) <i>Reappointment</i> Stamford, CT 06906 Term Expires: 12/1/2026 5/7/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	<b>Motion to approve 6/0/1</b>
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A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor, Rep. Figueroa abstained).

4. A31.210	<b>Social Services Commission</b> Lera Homer (D) <i>Repl. Strother</i> Stamford, CT 06902 Term Expires: 12/1/2025 5/7/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	<b>Motion to approve 7/0/0</b>
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A motion to approve Item 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

5. A31.211	<b>Parks and Recreation Commission</b> Benjamin Pomerantz (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 5/7/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	<b>Motion to approve 7/0/0</b>
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A motion to approve Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

6. A31.212	<b>Parks and Recreation Commission</b> Michael Tedder (R) <i>Reappointment</i> Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 5/7/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	<b>Motion to approve 4/0/3</b>
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A motion to approve Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-3 (Chair Patterson, Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, and Summerville in favor, Vice-Chair Shaw, Figueroa, and Walston abstained).

7. <a href="#">A31.207</a>	<b>ORDINANCE</b> 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 <b>4/29/2025 – Held by Committee</b>	<b>Motion to approve 2/3/1</b>
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Representative Stella summarized:

- Historically, the city and newspapers used to notify residents of board and commission vacancies.

- The goal is to restore transparency and clarify the duties of the Appointments Commission.
- The commission went two years without meetings due to a lack of quorum.
- The importance of the commission was emphasized during the transition from the 30th to the 31st board.
- If names are submitted to the mayor or the Appointments Commission, they should be recorded in a list and published on the city's website.
- Having an accessible list would improve candidate quality.
- Public visibility of submitted names ensures accountability.
- No one should feel obligated to go through political committees like the DCC.

A motion to approve Item 7 was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 2-3-1 (Reps. Pavia and Walston in favor, Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Rep. Grunberger not in favor, Rep. Summerville abstained).

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denis W. Patterson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).