



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Michael McKeown, Chair

Karen Camporeale, Vice-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held **remotely ONLY** due to inclement weather.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. Present were: Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee member Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone, and Weinberg. Also present were ex-officio Reps. de la Cruz, Goldberg, Johnson, Morson, Pelliccia, Shaw, Sylvestre, and Walston; city staff members Mike Toma, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Lou Casolo, City Engineer, as well as members of the public.

Chair McKeown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. LR32.004	ORDINANCE ; Amending Section 214-32 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the City to accept a private road by only requiring a petition signed by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the owners. 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Weinberg 12/23/2025 – Recommitted by Committee 9-0-0 01/05/2026 – Recommitted to Steering via unanimous voice vote 01/27/2026 – Public hearing approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BY COMMITTEE 9-0-0
Chair McKeown read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved (Lapine), seconded (Weinberg), and Rep. Weinberg gave a brief presentation on it. Attorney Toma also spoke on the item, fielding questions from the committee members and ex-officio members present alongside Rep. Weinberg. After a brief discussion, the item was approved for public hearing via unanimous roll call vote 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg approved).		
2. LR32.005	APPROVAL ; of an Amendment to the Board Rules of Order to strike out Section E.3 (Time for Public Comment) and replace it with the submitted proposed rule change attached to the legislative record 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Weinberg and Goldberg 12/23/2025 – Recommitted by Committee 7-2-0 01/05/2026 – Recommitted to Steering via unanimous voice vote 01/27/2026 – Amendment to Sec. E.3.b. approved by Committee 9-0-0 01/27/2026 – Approved as amended by Committee 6-3-0	APPROVED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE 6-3-0

Chair McKeown read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved (Blank), seconded (Weinberg), and the floor opened to Rep. Weinberg to present the revised amendment on file for this item. Afterwards, the committee members discussed the item and during the discussion, a motion to amend the item to strike "Personal attacks against Board members will be considered disruptive conduct and will not be permitted, whether or not the speaker states the name of the Board member." from Section E.3.b was made (Boudreau), seconded (Lapine), and Rep. Boudreau discussed his proposed amendment. The amendment was approved via roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg approved).

The original motion to approve the item (as amended) was then discussed on the floor. Topics such as restoring trust in government, supporting the public's involvement with local government, the process for the public registering to speak, ease of registering to speak and deadlines for registering to speak were among what was debated. During discussion, Rep. Boudreau made a motion for an additional amendment to Section 3 E. b. authorizing the President of the Board to may recognize speakers who are not on the speakers list. His motion failed to receive a second, and did not go any further. There was discussion that such language as he moved to add was already in the Board's Rules of Order, with other comments that there was no specific language already in the Rules. Additional discussion ensued covering the public's general unfamiliarity with the Board's Rules of Order, how not everyone is computer literate/has computer access, and included examples of individuals from the public who have spoken in the past but did not know how to sign up in advance, including the elderly.

After discussion, Chair McKeown called for a vote on the motion to approve the item as amended, which was approved via roll call vote of 6-3-0 (Chair McKeown and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Stone and Weinberg approved; Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Hyatt and Lapine against).

3. <u>LR32.009</u>	RESOLUTION ; beseeching the Connecticut State Legislature to empower municipalities with the right to ban pet stores from selling dogs, cats and rabbits. 01/05/2026 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale and Pollack 01/27/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Chair McKeown read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved (Weinberg), seconded (Blank), and Chair McKeown asked if anyone wished to speak on the item, and no one requested the floor. There was no discussion, and the item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg approved).

Please note: Chair McKeown emailed the Board office to request updating the description of Item LR32.009 to reflect the description agreed upon at the time of submission.

4. <u>LR32.010</u>	<p>APPROVAL; of the Amended and Restated Board Rules of Order as provided in the legislative record.</p> <p>01/07/2026 – Submitted by Rep. McKeown</p> <p>01/27/2026 – Amendment to remove “<i>the invocation and</i>” from Section 3b approved by Committee 9-0-0</p> <p>01/27/2026 – Amendment to remove “<i>Appropriations</i>” and replace with “<i>Appointments</i>” to correct a scrivener’s error in Sect. 7.b.10.5 approved by Committee 9-0-0</p> <p>01/27/2026 – Amendment of Sect. 10 to strike subsections b. through f. except for “<i>Personal attacks will be considered disruptive conduct and will not be permitted, whether or not the speaker identifies the target of such comments by name or otherwise.</i>” approved by Committee 5-4-0</p> <p>01/27/2026 – Amendment to Sect. 10, subsections b through f as outlined above approved by Committee 8-1-0</p> <p>01/27/2026 – Approved as amended by Committee 8-1-0</p>	<p>APPROVED AS AMENDED 8-1-0</p>
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Rep. Weinberg made a motion to suspend the rules and take LR32.010 after LR32.005 as they are related. This motion received a second (Blank) and was approved via roll call vote of 8-1-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted in favor; Rep. Hyatt voted against).

Chair McKeown read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved (Boudreau), seconded (Lapine), and the floor opened to the committee members to discuss the item. During the discussion, a series of proposed amendments were made.

The first proposed amendment to Section 3 b, to remove “*the invocation and*” was made (Blank), seconded (Boudreau), and was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve).

A second proposed amendment to correct a scrivener’s error (typo) in Section 7b.X.5 to remove the word “Appropriations” and replace it with “Appointments” was made (Boudreau), seconded (Lapine), and was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve).

A third proposed amendment to amend the draft of the Board’s Rules of Order to strike Section 10, subsections b through f [as this is covered separately in Rep. Weinberg’s item LR32.005] was made (Camporeale), seconded (Boudreau and Blank), and discussion to clarify the motion’s purpose ensued.

In an effort to provide further procedural clarity regarding the disposition of LR32.005 and the related section of LR32.010, Chair McKeown requested a motion to amend the proposed third amendment to still strike Section 10, subsections b through f **except for** the final line:

“Personal attacks will be considered disruptive conduct and will not be permitted, whether or not the speaker identifies the target of such comments by name or otherwise.”

which was made (Blank), seconded (Hyatt), and discussed further prior to the vote. The amended third amendment passed via roll call vote of 5-4-0 (Chair McKeown and Reps. Blank, Hughes, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Boudreau, Hyatt, and Lapine voted against). After this vote, the third amendment (as amended) to Section 10, subsections b through f, was approved via roll call vote of 8-1-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Rep. Hyatt voted against).

LR32.010 (as ultimately amended) was called for a roll call vote and passed (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Rep. Hyatt voted against).

5. LR32.011	REVIEW ; Ordinance for discussion of a revised comprehensive tree ordinance. 01/05/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale and Weinberg 01/27/2026 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 9-0-0	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING 9-0-0
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Chair McKeown read the item and asked if anyone sought the floor for the review of this item. Vice Chair Camporeale gave a brief synopsis of where she and Rep. Weinberg stood with working to create a revised ordinance and stated they were working with the administration, some stakeholders from downtown Stamford, arborists and other experts, and community members, in addition to having met with the urban forester from Hartford regarding best practices and lessons learned. As there is not yet a revised ordinance, Vice Chair Camporeale asked for a motion to recommit the item to Steering. The motion to recommit was made (Weinberg), seconded (Blank), and during discussion, there were questions regarding how to join the working group from ex-officio member Rep. Goldberg. Chair McKeown called for a voice vote on the motion to recommit to Steering.

The motion to recommit passed via unanimous voice vote 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to recommit).

Chair McKeown called for a motion to adjourn (Boudreau, Blank and Weinberg) and adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McKeown, Chair

This meeting is available on [video](#).