



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Michael McKeown, Chair

Karen Camporeale, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

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

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. Shaw, and Walston; city staff members Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Chief of Staff Bridget Fox and Steve Garst, former Chair of the Appointments Commission, as well as members of the public.

Chair McKeown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s) or Designees</b>
1. <a href="#">LR32.016</a>	<b>ORDINANCE for publication;</b> To repeal the Appointments Commission per Article XVII of Chapter 6, including Sections 6-121 through 6-124 of the Code of Ordinances. 03/05/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons <b>03/24/2026 – Postponed by Committee 6-3-0</b>	<b>POSTPONED BY COMMITTEE 6-3-0 TO NEXT MEETING</b>

Chair McKeown read the item and invited Ms. Fox to present it. After the slide presentation which covered the history of the Appointments Commission, there was brief discussion, with Attorney Lee stating he was available for questions and Mr. Garst giving a brief review of the work done on the Appointments Commission and some of the hurdles the Commission encountered.

Members of the Committee discussed the mission of the Appointments Commission at its inception, its current performance towards that objective, and the Board's responsibility in oversight of the appointments process.

Chair McKeown expressed the opinion that if the Appointments Commission were to be dissolved, the Board needs to ensure it is prepared to fulfill part of its role, namely to ensure equal access, transparency, and representation in the City of Stamford's Boards and Commissions. To achieve that, Chair McKeown suggested codifying into law and expanding upon the City of Stamford's existing voluntary practice of reporting statistics on the appointees and applicants of the various Boards and Commissions so that the Board is equipped to measure the City's efforts in accomplishing better transparency and representation.

Vice-Chair Camporeale expressed that she was not yet prepared to determine whether to retain or repeal the Appointments Commission and believed the Committee should take additional time to hear from Commission members and engage in further discussion.

Chair McKeown suggested we postpone definitely LR32.016 to the Committee's next meeting to allow time to address these concerns.

The item was moved (Camporeale), seconded (Blank), and the motion to postpone passed via roll call vote of 6-3-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Stone and Weinberg voted to postpone; Reps. Hughes, Hyatt and Lapine voted against postponement).

Chair McKeown called for a motion to adjourn and adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McKeown, Chair

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