



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice-Chair Tomas and Committee Member Reps. Graham, Mays, Stella, and Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Goldberg, and Summerville. Abs ent or excused were Chair de la Cruz and Reps. Boeger, Ley and Sherwood.

Vice Chair Tomas called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.069	REVIEW ; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs. 03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 – No Action Taken 05/22/25 – No Action Taken 06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0 08/21/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 09/18/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0	Motion to recommit 5/0/0
2. O31.083	REVIEW ; Administration's Current Plans for W. Main Street Bridge in comparison to Board of Representatives Resolution No. 4367 09/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz 09/18/2025 – No action taken	Motion to recommit 5/0/0

A motion to recommit Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Mays, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

Representative Stella voiced his disappointment:

- Expressed deep disappointment over the dismantling of the historic West Main Street Bridge, dating back to 1888.
- Noted over six years of discussion and advocacy from the 30th board, with no resolution or repair plan.
- Criticized the City's lack of commitment, citing missed grant opportunities and inadequate funding.
- Highlighted failed efforts to preserve or repurpose the bridge, including a misleading "temporary" replacement.
- Pointed out disparities in grant support for other Stamford bridges, suggesting neglect of the West Side.

- Emphasized the bridge's cultural and historical significance, lamenting its loss as a failure of preservation.

A motion to recommit Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Mays, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

Vice Chair Tomas adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).