



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis. Rep. Roqueta was absent. Also present were Reps. Boeger; Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Matheny, Jacobson, Summerville, and Mays; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety & Health Director; Tim Shaw, Police Chief; Joe Kennedy, Safety, Compliance & Employee Relations Manager, BOE; and Doug Dalena Corporation Counsel.

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

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE ACTION
1. PS31.020	REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies. 04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis, Stella, and Pavia 04/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0 05/18/22 – No Action Taken	COMMITTEE HELD 7-0-0

Director Jankowski discussed the following:

- Met with Public Safety in debt about this matter
- Looked at different municipalities for possible ordinances
- Struggling with the definition of duty to call 911
- Public Education is required
- Spoke with State Attorney's office and there is no duty to call
- Will continue to look for information; it is a work in progress

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0. (Stella, Morson, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia and Pierre-Louis in favor)

12. PS31.023	REVIEW; The Public Safety of the Parks and Beaches 05/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella	REPORT MADE
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Chair Stella requested this item for the agenda because of the amount of complaints the Board gets from constituents about park safety.

¹ Video Time Stamp 00:37:03 PS31.023 Discussion on Park Safety

Director Jankowski stated that Stamford Parks are safe and discussed the following:

- Police presence is up in the parks
- Most calls are nuisance complaint
- Minimal crime
- Blue Light emergency phone towers in 10 parks with cameras
- Summer months from Friday-Sunday Operations provide extra personal present in parks

A motion to take up items 4 and 5 next was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (Stella, Morson, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia and Pierre-Louis in favor)

- ²4. PS31.025 REVIEW; SRO and School Security Guards and the **REPORT MADE**
Possibility of Adding Armed Security Guards in
Stamford Schools.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis and
Pavia

Joe Kennedy, Chief Shaw and Director Jankowski discussed the following:

- Priority is the void in elementary schools security
- 11 elementary schools don't have security guards
- Having conversations on whether to have Security or Police in the schools
- SRO's would be first choice but not available right now because of manpower
- BOE and Police have had several conversations on what types of security is needed and working on a plan
- Comparing cities and towns and seeing what's feasible
- Time frame idea would be Fall 2022 but not sure if it's manageable

- ³5. PS31.027 REVIEW; Current Status of the Stamford Police **REPORT MADE**
Department and the Current Direction of the
Department.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis

Chief Shaw and Director Jankowski discussed the following:

- Desire and Dedication to community; forming relationships
- Citizens Public Safety Academy
- Increasing number of officers
- Losing officers to retirement
- Based on the Accountability Bill
 - All cars must have dash camera
 - Officers must have drug and psych test
 - Document recruitment process
 - Increase Diversity
 - Accreditation

A motion to go into executive session was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0. The Committee members, and Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Summerville, Doug Dalena, Ted Jankowski, Tim Shaw and Joe Kennedy, went into executive session at 8:16 p.m. The Committee came

² Video Time Stamp 01:04:00 PS31.025 Discussion on SRO and Security in Schools

³ Video Time Stamp 01:27:23 PS31.027 Discussion on Status of Police Department

out of executive session at 7:37 p.m. There were no motions made or votes taken in executive session.

3. PS31.024	REVIEW; School Safety (SPD, SFD, EMS, Security Guards) Active Shooter Protocols. 06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis and Pavia	REPORT MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
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The Committee came out of executive session at 8:58 p.m. There were no motions made or votes taken in executive session.

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chair Stella

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#))