

The Steering Committee of the 32nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford met on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.

MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Pres. Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance were President Shaw, and Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Bouchard, Camporeale, Gardner, Hughes, Johnson, McKeown, Pollack, Price, Sandford, Shore, Sylvestre, Weinberg, Wirz and Zachary. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz and Walston.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING AGENDA

The Regular Meeting of the 32nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

INVOCATION: To be delivered by _____ (District 9)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: To be led by President Shaw

ROLL CALL: To be conducted by Clerk Johnson

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

COMMUNICATIONS: To be read by Clerk Johnson

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026
7:00 p.m. – by webinar

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**Steven Shore, Co-Chair****Felix Gardner, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

1. A32.011	Golf Commission Micahel Briscoe (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Term Expires: 12/1/2028 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. A31.012	Golf Commission Susan Flinn (R) <i>Repl. Ripegno (R)</i> 12/1/2027 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
3. A31.013	Stamford Golf Authoirty Gina White (R) <i>Repl. Masi (R)</i> 12/1/2025 Term Expires: 12/1/2028 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
4. A31.014	Zoning Board of Appeals George Dallas (R) <i>Reappointment</i> Term Expires: 12/1/2028 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
5. A31.015	Board of Assessment Appeals Daniel Lax (U) <i>Repl. Dougherty (R)</i> 12/1/2026 Term Expires: 12/1/2026 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
6. A31.016	Board of Ethics Dennis Torres (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Term Expires: 12/1/2028 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
7. A31.017	Zoning Board Rosanne McManus (U) <i>Reappointment</i> Term Expires: 12/1/2027 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
8. A31.018	Zoning Board David Stein (D) <i>Reappointment</i> Term Expires: 12/1/2026 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
9. A32.019	Zoning Board (Alternate) Peter Rustin (D) <i>Repl. Smith-Anderson (D)</i> 12/1/2024 Term Expires: 12/1/2027 02/04/2026 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

Co-Chair Shore confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item Nos. 1 through 9 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Eric Morson, Co-Chair

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

1. F32.043 \$50,945.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); Law Department: to appropriate funds from contingency to pay current year wage settlements that were recently agreed upon via a tentative agreement between the City and the Attorneys Union 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. F32.044 \$650,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); Snow Removal: Salt for Storms—requesting funds from Contingency to maintain City salt domes at safe salt levels for the remainder of the 2025/26 winter season. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
3. F32.045 \$144,686,112.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project CP1471 – Westhill High School Replacement Project—amending the FY25/26 Capital Budget for the construction of a new Westhill High School; State and City funded. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
4. F32.046	RESOLUTION; Amending the FY25/26 Capital Budget to appropriate \$144,686,112 for the Westhill High School Replacement Project and authorizing \$36,171,528 in City General Obligation Bonds; and authorizing related School Construction Grant. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
5. F32.047 \$41,107.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); Stamford Police Department—Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor Grant (100% federally funded) to cover overtime, associated FICA, and travel for a certified DRE instructor to conduct statewide training 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
6. F32.048	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Department of Transportation for financial assistance for the Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Project. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

7. F32.049 \$24,500.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); Department of Health—CDC pilot grant (via CT DPH) to develop the Local Heat and Air Quality Preparedness and Response Plan (LHAQP) (100% grant funded; no indirect/administrative funds). 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
8. F32.050	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the CT Department of Public Health for the Environmental Health Grant 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
9. F32.051 \$25,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); Youth Services Bureau—Senior Internship Program (Unpaid Experiential Learning Program) to fund a seasonal hire and related FICA for administrative support; funded by internal transfers (Mayor's Budget/General Fund and Board of Education). 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
10. F32.052	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the Connecticut Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the Hatch Field Park Improvements Project. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

Co-Chair Morson confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item Nos. 1 through 10 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

Michael McKeown, Chair
Karen Camporeale, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

1. LR32.004	ORDINANCE; for publication and public hearing; 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	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. LR32.011	REVIEW; Ordinance for discussion of a revised comprehensive tree ordinance. 01/05/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale and Weinberg	PLACE ON PENDING AGENDA

**01/27/2026 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 9-0-0
02/02/2026 – Recommitted to Steering via unanimous voice vote**

3. LR32.012	APPROVAL ; of Proposed Prototype Form Lease for Use of Space at the Lathon Wider Community Center. 01/21/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
4. LR32.013	APPROVAL ; of an agreement with CorVel Enterprise Claims, Inc. for Liability Claims Administration. 01/21/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
5. LR32.014	ORDINANCE ; Requiring notice of AI-Enabled Biometric Technology Use in Places of public Accommodation 01/27/2026 – Submitted by Reps. Hughes and Camporeale	PLACE ON PENDING AGENDA
6. LR32.015	APPROVAL ; of an Amendment to the Board Rules of Order re: Personal Attacks (formerly part of LR32.010). 02/02/2026 – Submitted by Rep. McKeown 02/02/2026 – Motion to divide the Question approved via voice vote 35-0-1 02/02/2026 – Question 1 (approve document except subsection F) approved via voice vote 35-0-1 02/02/2026 – Question 2 (section 10d) recommitted to Steering via roll call vote 34-2-0	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

Chair McKeown confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Item Nos. 2 and 5 were placed on the pending agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Carl Weinberg, Chair
Bobby Pavia, Vice-Chair**
Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
7:00 p.m. – By webinar-Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

1. P32.008	REJECTION ; of Assist. Corp. Counsel Union Labor Settlement 2026. 01/26/2026 – Submitted by Director Paula Russell	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
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Chair Weinberg confirmed the meeting date, time and method, requesting the meeting be noticed as a hybrid meeting. A motion to place item No. 1 on the March Agenda and to move Item No. 1 off of the pending agenda and onto the March agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

LAND USE & URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Glenn Price, Co-Chair
Ryan Hughes, Co-Chair**
Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7:00 p.m. – by webinar

1. LU32.004	RESOLUTION; Accepting Newly constructed North Ridge Road as a City Street under Code of Ordinances §214-32 01/28/2026 – Submitted by North Ridge Contractors LLC	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. LU32.005	REVIEW; Owner-occupied home rehabilitation assistance programs under the Stamford Housing Affordability Plan. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Adams	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

Co-Chair Hughes confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item No. 1 on the March Agenda was made, and after brief discussion, amended to place Item Nos. 1 and 2 onto the March agenda, which was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dan Sandford, Chair
John Pelliccia, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026
7:00 p.m. – By webinar

1. OPR32.002	RESOLUTION; concerning building permit fees on Commercial Projects exceeding \$1,000,000.00 (orig. O32.001) 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Boudreau, Goldberg and Hughes 12/08/2025 – Moved to Pending Agenda 01/22/2026 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. OPR32.003	ORDINANCE; Amending Chapter 214 of the Code of Ordinances, Concerning Excavation Permits, Enforcement, Administrative Fees, and Cost Recovery. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Director Matt Quiñones	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
3. OPR32.004	REVIEW; of the Parks & Recreation Commission update on making swimming a priority in Stamford, including swimming-related infrastructure needs 02/03/2026 – Submitted by Melanie Hollas	PLACE ON PENDING AGENDA
4. OPR32.005	REVIEW; of the ongoing effort to zone City-owned park properties as “Parks,” including pending submissions for two (2) properties for consideration at the next Planning Board meeting, and providing background, the importance of the effort, and next steps. 02/03/2026 – Submitted by Melanie Hollas	PLACE ON PENDING AGENDA

Chair Sandford confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item Nos. 1 and 2 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Item Nos. 3 and 4 were placed on the pending agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tom Bouchard, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2026
6:30 p.m. – By webinar

1. PS32.002	REVIEW ; Overview of the Stamford Department of Health and Human Services. 01/30/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Bouchard	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
2. PS32.003	REVIEW ; Overview of the Stamford Emergency Communications Center (ECC). 02/03/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Bouchard	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA

Chair Bouchard confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item Nos. 1 and 2 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, STATE & COMMERCE (C.H.E.S.S.) COMMITTEE

Maureen Pollack, Co-Chair
Stephanie Sylvestre, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Co-Chair Pollack confirmed the C.H.E.S.S committee had no items on its agenda and would not meet in February.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jeff Wirz, Chair
Scott Stone, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Under a Suspension of the Rules (Late Submission):

1. T32.002	REVIEW ; Overview of the transportation, traffic and parking department. 2/5/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Wirz	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
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A motion to suspend the rules and take up Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 14-5-0-0. (Reps. Adams, Bouchard, Camporeale, Gardner (1/2), Hughes (1/2), Johnson, McKeown, Morson, Pollack (1/2), Price (1/2), Sandford, Shaw, Shore, Sylvestre (1/2), Weinberg, Wirz and Zachary were in favor).

Chair Wirz confirmed the meeting date, time and method. A motion to place item No. 1 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES

1.	APPROVAL ; February 2, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
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A motion to place Item No. 1 on the March Agenda was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PENDING AGENDA

[To be reviewed during January, April, July, and October Steering Committee meetings]

Honorary Resolutions:

Appointments Committee:

Fiscal Committee:

Legislative & Rules Committee:

Personnel:

1. P32.003	REVIEW ; of the City's HR policies and programs (including the classification systems, employee benefit programs, and/or post-retirement benefit programs) for the education of Personnel Committee members. 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Weinberg	PLACE ON MARCH AGENDA
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Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee:

Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee:

Community Development, Housing, Education, Social Services, State & Commerce (C.H.E.S.S.) Committee:

Transportation Committee:

President Shaw called for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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