

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., and was held remotely.

MINUTES

INVOCATION: Delivered by Rep. Anabel Figueroa [8th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

¹ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 39 members present and 1 member absent or excused. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Walston and Watkins were present; Rep. Summerville was absent. Rep. Summerville joined immediately after roll call, for a total of 40 members present. Rep. Baxter left the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Rep. Saftic left the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Reps. Berns and Nabel left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable; meeting held remotely.

²MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: Officer Doug Robinson, from the 31st Board of Representatives; and Deaconess Dorothy E. Robinson and Osby McMillian, Jr., from Rep. Summerville.

³FILLING OF VACANCY:

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| 1. A31.045 | Vacancy on the Board of Finance (David Mannis' resignation)
08/02/22 –Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
08/31/22 – Laura Burwick Approved by Committee 7-0-1 | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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³ Video Time Stamp 0:08:48

4COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced that:

1. Representatives Baxter, Ley and Miller are celebrating Birthdays this month
2. The invocation for the October Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 9th District (Reps. Stella and Watson). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
3. The Deadline for Steering is Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m.
4. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on October 3rd at 8:00 p.m.
6. The Board office will be closed on Monday, October 10th.
7. The Board's Ethics Training and meet & greet with the Mayor's Cabinet is this Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to Aaron Miller at AMiller1@StamfordCT.gov by tomorrow.
8. Representative Garst will be the Teller for the republicans
9. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: **814 7054 1826**. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
10. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
11. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

President Curtis announced that Rep. Garst will be serving as Alternate Teller.

5HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | RESOLUTION; Congratulating the Stamford Stars 12U Softball Team for Advancing to the World Series.
08/01/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Nabel | HELD |
| 2. | <u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Congratulating the Stamford Babe Ruth 16-18 Boys Baseball Team for Advancing to the World Series.
08/01/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Nabel | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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6PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Kieran Edmondson spoke about the climate emergency and budgeting for Springdale Elementary School. John Flynn spoke of wifi dangers and alleged corruption. Sam Magliari spoke about alleged corruption. Susan Halpern spoke about the upcoming meeting with DEEP in the South End. Chris Dawson spoke about the need for housing. Mike Papa spoke about stewardship. Jordan Force spoke about the need for affordable housing. Maureen Boylan spoke about noise in Shippan.

STANDING COMMITTEES

7STEERING COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 1. S31.002 | RESOLUTION: Appointment of Members of the Board of Representatives to Attend Hearings of the Planning Board in Preparation of a Proposed Capital Program.
07/25/22 – Submitted by President Curtis | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<i>(Reps. Fedeli and Goldberg Abstaining)</i> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Denis Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, August 31, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, Cottrell, Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Absent was Vice-Chair Shaw. Also present were Reps. Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Miller, Morson and Sherwood.

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| 1. A31.046 | Urban Redevelopment Commission
Fran Pastore (D) Repl. Winkel
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/01/2024
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/31/22 – No Action Taken | HELD |
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| 2. A31.047 | Zoning Board
Alejandro Knopoff (U) Repl. Gwozdzowski
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/01/2024
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/31/22 – Approved 5-0-2 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Reps.
<i>Bewkes, Figueroa,
 Sherwood, Stella
 and Summerville
 abstaining</i>) |
| 3. A31.048 | Board of Ethics
Laura Indellicati (D) Repl. Hynes
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/01/2022
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/31/22 – Approved 5-0-3 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Reps.
<i>Bewkes, Coleman,
 Figueroa,
 Sherwood, Stella
 and Summerville
 abstaining</i>) |
| 4. A31.045 | Vacancy on the Board of Finance (David Mannis’
resignation)
Interview of Laura Burwick
08/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
08/31/22 – Approved 7-0-1 | SEE VOTE ABOVE |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 3, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁸FISCAL COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair
Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2022
 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
 and by webinar

Co-Chair Miller reported the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Boeger (remotely), Coleman (remotely), Fedeli, Figueroa (remotely), Garst (remotely), Morson (remotely), Nabel, (remotely) and Tomas (remotely). Absent was Rep. Pierre-Louis: Also present were Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; David Yanik, Controller; and Chris Dellaselva, Law Department.

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| 1. F31.075
\$40,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
C30727; BOE Long Term Facilities Implementation.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/09/22 – Approved by Planning Board
___/___/22 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
08/22/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-1 | HELD |
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Under a Suspension of the Rules:

2. [F31.076](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and RSM US LLP for Professional Auditing Services under RFP No. 863. **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
08/11/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/06/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-0-0
08/22/22 – Approved by Committee subject to BOF Approval 8-0-2

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

9 LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Phil Berns, Co-Chair
Susan Nabel, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Nabel reported that Legislative and Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Nabel and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood. Absent were Co-Chair Berns and Committee Member Rep. Jacobson. Also present were Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Garst, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pollack, Roqueta, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston; Mayor Simmons; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Janeene Freeman, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Doug Dalena, Chris Dellaselva, and Dana Lee, Office of Corporation Counsel; Erik Larson, Purchasing Officer; and Todd McClutchy, Crescent Housing Partners LLC.

1. [LR31.024](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving the Sale of Property Located at 35 Crescent Street to Crescent Housing Partners, LLC. **HELD 21-18-0**
03/31/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
04/12/22 – Approved by Planning Board
06/09/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
07/26/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
08/23/22 – FAILED in Committee 3-4-0
09/06/22 – Amendment to Previous Approval Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 with attached [letter of recommendation](#)

A motion hold Item No. 1 was made and seconded.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 29-8-2 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor;

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Reps. Boeger, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Mays, Morson, Nabel, Pavia, and Pollack opposed; and Reps. Jacobson and Roqueta abstaining).

The motion to hold Item No. 1 was approved by a roll call vote of 21-18-0. (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saffic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston in favor; and Reps. Adams, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Ley, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, and Watkins opposed).

2. [LR31.033](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise](#), including Restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays
08/23/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 **HELD**

3. [LR31.034](#) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS; Planning Board and Board of Finance Recommendations Re: Triennial List of City-Owned and Leased Real Properties as Transmitted by the Board of Finance; Specifically, Unused Property at 0 Haig Avenue.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Sandra Dennies
07/14/22 – Considered by Board of Finance
08/09/22 – Considered by Planning Board
09/06/22 – Recommendation of the Planning Board Accepted by Board of Finance 4-0-0
08/23/22 – Recommendation of the Planning Board Accepted 5-0-2 **HELD BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to hold Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [LR31.032](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 23, Article II of the Code of Ordinances, Purchasing](#), and Updating Certain Provisions.
08/02/2022 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/23/22 – Approved, as amended, 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

5. [LR31.029](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section III.C to add Requirements Regarding Submission of Documentation for Candidates to be Interviewed by the Appointments Committee.
07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Stella, Curtis, Cottrell, Figueroa, and Jacobson
07/26/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
08/23/22 – Approved, as amended, 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

As a Secondary Committee: Appointments - 08/31/22 – Approved 5-0-3

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 4 and 5, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Anabel Figueroa, Chair
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Chair Figueroa stated that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee and no report.

¹⁰LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#) ([Pt. 1](#) & [Pt. 2](#))

Bradley Bewkes, Chair
Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2022
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Bewkes and Committee Member Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Garst, Grunberger, Mays, Sherwood, Summerville and Tomas. Absent was Rep. Campbell. Excused was Rep. Matheny. Also present were Reps. Stella and Walston; Doug Dalena, Corporation Counsel; Josie Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations; Shawn Reed, Building Official; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; and Ron Markey, Landscape Specialist.

1. [LU31.017](#) REVIEW; Recent State of Connecticut Legislation **HELD**
Related to State Control Over Local Zoning,
Including but not Limited to [Public Act 21-29](#),
Previously H.B.6107, and Other Statutes or
Proposed Bills Allowing as of Right Accessory
Apartments, as of Right Higher Density
Development, and Elimination of Single-Family
Zoning Including the Process and Ability of
Municipal Opt-Outs.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and
Sherwood
06/23/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-
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07/28/22 – Held in Committee
09/01/22 – Held in Committee
As a Secondary Committee: State & Commerce

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2. LU31.018 REVIEW; Recent Transit Oriented Development Legislation and Measures Proposed or Passed by the City of Stamford and State of Connecticut.
 06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and Sherwood
 06/23/22 – Held by Committee 10-0-0
 06/23/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-0
 07/28/22 – Held in Committee
09/01/22 – Held in Committee
As a Secondary Committee: State & Commerce

Possibly in Executive Session:

3. [LU31.019](#) REVIEW; Status of Property at 21 Pulaski Street
 07/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Adams **REPORT MADE & HELD**
 07/28/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-0
09/01/22 – Report Made & Held in Committee 9-0-0
4. [LU31.021](#) **RESOLUTION**; Advocating a Tree Preservation and Planting Program and Land Use Regulations to Combat the Climate Emergency Recognized in **Resolution No. 4130**.
 08/03/220 - Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Bewkes, Saftic, Stella, Matheny, and Grunberger
09/01/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 9-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹¹OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice Chair
 Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022
 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, and Watkins. Absent was Rep. Boeger. Also present were Reps. Matheny and Summerville; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Dan Colleluori, Supervisor of Solid Waste & Recycling; Janeene Freeman, Mayor’s Office; Carmen Hughes, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer; and three members of the public.

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| 1. O31.017 | REVIEW; Stamford Transfer Station Operations and Possibility of Increasing Fees for Non-Residential and Commercial Businesses using the Transfer Station.
07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis
07/18/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0 | REPORT MADE & HELD |
| 2. O31.018 | REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quinones
08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0 | REPORT MADE & HELD |
| 3. O31.019 | REVIEW; Placing Utility Wirings Underground on any New Sidewalks and Street Projects.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
08/15/22 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair**

Chair Stella stated that there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**

Chair Matheny stated that there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

¹²EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Cottrell reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Mays, and Pollack. Rep. Pierre-Louis was excused and Rep. Jean-Louis was absent. Also in attendance were Domenick Tramontozzi, Engineering Dept.; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; and one member of the public.

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| 1. E31.008 | APPROVAL; First Amendment to Agreement between BBS Architects & Engineers, PC and City of Stamford for Design Services for Window & Floor Replacement at Springdale Elementary School under RFP No. 807, to Include Toilet Room Reconstruction.
07/28/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/06/22 – FAILED in Board of Finance 0-5-0
08/25/22 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0 | HELD BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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A motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded and held by a unanimous voice vote.

**¹³HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that the Housing, Community Development and Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Roqueta; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Goldberg, Ley and Pollack. Excused were Reps. Moore and Campbell. Also present were Reps. Coleman; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community Development; and members of the public.

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| 1. HCD31.022 | PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing for the CDBG Program Year 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).
08/02/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon
08/23/22 – Public Hearing Held | PUBLIC HEARING
HELD |
| 2. HCD31.023 | REVIEW: Review Public Comment for the CDBG Program Year 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).
08/02/2022 – Submitted by Emily Gordon
08/23/22 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Chair Watkins stated that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

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**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**

Chair Pierre-Louis stated that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair
Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair**

President Curtis stated that there was no meeting of the Charter Revision Committee and no report.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

President Curtis stated that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel Committee and no report.

¹⁴MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); August 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE** (*Rep. Sherwood abstaining*)

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)

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