

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
JEFF CURTIS
Clerk of the Board
MEGAN COTTRELL

Majority Leader
NINA SHERWOOD
Minority Leader
MARY L. FEDELI

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

President Curtis read the call of the meeting: We, the undersigned members of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Thursday, July 20, 2023
8:00 p.m.

by computer, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874558071> or www.zoom.com – Webinar ID - 848 7455 8071 or
by phone 1-646-558-8656 – Webinar ID - 848 7455 8071.

to consider and act upon the following:

1. [CR31.009](#) RESOLUTION; Concerning Recommendations for Changes to the Draft Report of the 19th Charter Revision Commission 06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Bewkes 07/10/23 – Recommendations made by Committee **07/18/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**

AGENDA

INVOCATION: Led by President Curtis.

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 32 members present and 8 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Coleman, Goldberg, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sandford and Shinn were absent or excused. (Rep. Roqueta joined the meeting at 8:32 p.m.) (Rep. Gilbride left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.)

COMMUNICATIONS: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell.

1. 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: 848 7455 8071. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

PRESENTATION: Jeff Curtis and Bradley Bewkes Co-Chairs, 2021-22 Charter Revision Committee

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| 1. CR31.009 | RESOLUTION ; Concerning Recommendations for Changes to the Draft Report of the 19 th Charter Revision Commission
06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Bewkes
07/10/23 – Recommendations made by Committee
07/18/23 – Draft Resolution to be Considered by Committee | APPROVED
BY A ROLL
CALL VOTE
21-9-2 |
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A motion to move the question was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 19-14-0 (Reps. Bewkes, Campbell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Satic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Curtis in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Cottrell, Gilbride, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Roqueta, Shaw, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed).

A motion to amend the Resolution as follows was made, and seconded.

WHEREAS, Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, provides that the Board of Representatives shall hold at least one public hearing on the draft report and, not later than 15 days after its last hearing, shall ~~make recommendations~~ recommend for consideration to the Commission ~~for~~ such changes in the draft report as it deems ~~desirable appropriate for consideration~~; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on June 28, 2023 and a second public hearing on July 18, 2023, and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing the draft report and hearing the public comments, one or more members of the Board of Representatives recommended ~~the one or more~~ changes listed below to the draft report of the 19th Charter Revision Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

The following recommendations for consideration, attached to and made a part of this resolution, concerning changes to the draft report of the 19th Charter Revision Commission are hereby ~~approved and~~ transmitted to the 19th Charter Revision Commission for review and consideration:

The motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 15-15-2 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pollack, Shaw, David Watkins, Weinberg, and Curtis in favor; Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Moore, Pavia, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Dakary Watkins opposed; and Reps. Berns and Cottrell abstaining).

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 24-5-3 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, Weinberg, and Curtis in favor; Reps. Boeger, Ley, Miller, Morson, and Shaw opposed; Reps. Berns, Campbell and Grunberger abstaining).

A motion to approve CR31.009 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 21-9-2 (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Curtis in favor; Reps. Adams, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Roqueta, Shaw, and Weinberg opposed; Reps. Fedeli and David Watkins abstaining).

ADJOURNMENT: President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

This meeting is on [video](#)