

# 31<sup>ST</sup> 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

The Board of Representatives held a meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the following time and place:

8:00 p.m.

Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

and remotely

to consider and act upon the following:

The General Fund Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, Board of Education, Debt Service Fund, Anti-Blight Fund, Grants Fund, Stamford Harbor Management Fund, Marina Fund, Parking Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund, Terry Conner's Ice Rink Fund, Active Medical Fund, Risk Management Fund, and the Water Pollution Control Authority Fund budgets for the fiscal year 2024/2025, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 19, 2024, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter and [RESOLUTIONS](#) associated therewith.

Majority Leader Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

<sup>1</sup>INVOCATION: Led by Apostle Streeter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Majority Leader Sherwood.

<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 32 members present and 8 members absent or excused (Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Graham, Grunberger, Matheny, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Strain, Tomas, and Walston were present in person; Reps. Adams, Berns, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Mays, Moore, Saftic, Summerville, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present remotely. Reps. Campbell, Curtis, Figueroa, Jean-Louis,

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Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Stella, and Dakary Watkins were absent or excused.) Due to technical difficulties, Reps. Moore, Saftic, and Summerville were unable to utilize the voting software and responded to roll call vocally. Rep. Dakary Watkins joined the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Also present were Elda Sinani, Anthony Romano, and Adrienne Tovar from OPM.

<sup>3</sup>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE: A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Confirmed by Majority Leader Sherwood.

<sup>4</sup>COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced:

1. If you are present in Chambers and need support with your voting equipment, please let the Clerk know and technical support will be provided.  
If you are attending remotely and need assistance with either Zoom or your voting software, you can call IT at [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office staff. 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: **812 0561 5913**. Please call or text IT at 203-223-8939 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 are attending remotely and 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.
3. There will be two special Board meetings this month – one on May 15<sup>th</sup> regarding censure and one on May 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the school construction fund.

<sup>5</sup>COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Sean Boeger and Lindsey Miller, Co-Chairs, Fiscal Committee

Co-Chair Miller reported on the Fiscal Committee budget deliberations. There were no cuts recommended by the Committee to the Board of Education Budget, the Operating Budget, the Capital Budget, or the Special Funds Budgets.

**<sup>6</sup>BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET:**

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$330,737,756 which motion was seconded by Rep. Camporeale. There being no motions to amend the report as to the Board of Education Budget, the motion was approved by and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la

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Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$330,737,756 which motion was seconded by Rep. Boeger and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

## **<sup>7</sup>OPERATING BUDGET:**

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve the Operating Budget (including General Fund Support to the Board of Education Budget) in the amount of \$680,235,833, which motion was seconded by Rep. Cottrell. There being no motions to amend the report as to the Operating Budget, the motion was approved by a machine vote of 31-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz (vocally), Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore (vocally), Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic (vocally), Sandford, Shaw, Strain, Summerville (vocally), Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Rep. Sherwood opposed).

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Operating Budget (including General Fund Support to the Board of Education Budget) in the amount of \$680,235,83, which motion was seconded by Rep. Cottrell and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

## **<sup>8</sup>CAPITAL BUDGET:**

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve the Capital Budget in the amount of \$60,715,071 which motion was seconded by Rep. Cottrell. There being no motions to amend the report as to the Board of Education Budget, the motion was approved by and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor).

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Capital Budget in the amount of \$60,715,071 and the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$38,333,694, which motion was seconded by Rep. Cottrell and approved by unanimous voice vote. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor).

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## **9SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGETS:**

Co-Chair Miller made a motion to approve the following Funds Budgets:

\$55,872,939 – Debt Service Fund  
\$393,974 – Anti-Blight Fund  
\$10,170,473 – Grants Fund  
\$54,719 – Stamford Harbor Management Fund  
\$499,867 – Marina Fund  
\$6,870,000 – Parking Fund  
\$13,923,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund  
\$1,950,268 – E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund  
\$1,348,046 – Terry Conners Ice Rink Fund  
\$40,443,117 – Active Medical Fund  
\$20,330,033 – Risk Management Fund  
\$28,923,297 – WPCA Fund

which motion was seconded by Rep. Gilbride. There being no motions to amend the report as to the Funds Budget, the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor).

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Majority Leader Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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