

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut and was also held remotely.

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Jim Wisecup [11th District].

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 29 members present and 11 members absent or excused (Reps. Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Gilbride, Graham, Patterson, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present in person; Reps. Adams, Berns, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Saftic, Vandervoort, Walston, and Dakary Watkins were present remotely; Reps. Campbell, de la Cruz, Jean-Louis, Kuczynski, Moore, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, and Stella were absent or excused).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Confirmed by President Curtis.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: N/A

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, August 7th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.
3. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00 p.m.
4. The Board office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.
5. The official photograph for the 31st Board of Representatives has been rescheduled to Monday, October 7th at 6:15 p.m.
6. Reps. Adams, Vandervoort and Morson are celebrating birthdays this month.
7. The invocation for the September Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 12th District (Reps. Jacobson and Shaw). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.

8. If you are present in Chambers please remember that turning on your microphone will cut off the person speaking and aim the camera at you. If you wish to second a motion, or otherwise speak after someone else, please wait until that person has finished speaking before turning on your microphone. If you need support with your voting equipment, please let the Clerk know and technical support will be provided.
9. If you are attending remotely, please remember to log in to the voting software at www.joincloudvote.com using your Unique ID, as emailed to you on March 22nd, and the Meeting ID - BOR31.
10. 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: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at [REDACTED] 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | <p>RESOLUTION; Condemning Racist and Antisemitic Vandalism at AITE.
08/01/24 – Submitted by the 31st Board of Representatives</p> | <p>APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE</p> |
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A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: The following spoke during the public participation session: Kieran Edmondson – remote; Sue Halpern – remote; Dave Adams – in person; and Susan Bell – remote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:	Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2024 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar
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A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

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

Denis W. Patterson, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

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

Chair Patterson Reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Chair Patterson, and Vice Chair Shaw, Committee Members Cottrell, and Summerville. In attendance remotely were Committee Member Reps. Kucynski, and Pavia. Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, and Walston were excused. Also present in person was Rep. Weinberg.

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| 1.A31.133 | Arts & Culture Commission
Michael Moran (R) Reappointment
Stamford, CT 06807
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2.A31.134 | Arts & Culture Commission
Abraham Viera (R) <i>Repl. Cuscuna(U) Exp. 12/1/22</i>
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3.A31.135 | Arts & Culture Commission
Alexandra Siladi (D) <i>Repl. McIntosh(I) Exp.
12/1/23</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Rep.
Jacobson and
Strain abstained). |
| 4.A31.136 | Arts & Culture Commission
Ellen Gordon (D) <i>Repl. Etter(D) Exp. 12/1/23</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |

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| 5.A31.137 | Harbor Management Commission
Josef Graham (D) <i>Repl. Redness(U) Exp. 12/1/21</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2024
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 6.A31.138 | Golf Commission (E. Gaynor Brennan)
Kenneth Considine (D) <i>Repl. Brantner(D) Exp. 12/1/23</i>
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/10/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2024 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 7. A31.124 | REVIEW; Establishing the Order in which Expirations and Vacancies are Filled on Boards and Commissions.
06/05/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
7/30/2024 – No Action Taken | NO ACTION
TAKEN |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 6, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, July 22, 2024

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

Co- Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Strain, Summerville, and Weinberg; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration/Trustee; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Anthony Romano, Budget/ERP Business System Administrative Manager; Bill Maguire, Assistant OPM Director; Elda Sinani, Director of Office of Policy and Management; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief and Michelle Lappas, Mayor's Youth Employment Program. Absent or excused were Reps. Pierre-Louis and Tomas.

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| 1. F31.363
\$12,685,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001356; Transfer Station – Canal Wall Replacement; long term repair of the existing bulkhead; 2019 condition assessment determined the bulkhead was in poor condition; (Source: Federal Grant \$10,148,000.00; Bond, \$2,537,000.00)
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
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06/25/24 – Approved by the Planning
07/11/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

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| 2. F31.364 | GRANT RESOLUTION; Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Sign Agreements With The U.S. Economic Development Administration For The East Harbor Canal Retaining Wall Project
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 3. F31.365 | RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2023-2024 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$12,685,000 For The Transfer Station Canal Wall Replacement Project And Authorizing \$2,537,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 4. F31.366
\$24,173.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Emergency Communications 911; Stamford EMPG Pool; funds will be utilized to purchase equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) No city funds required.
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 5. F31.367 | GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Department of Emergency Services and public Protection for an EMPG Pool Grant
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 6. F31.368
\$26,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Emergency Communications 911; EMGP Pool/Non-Capital Equipment; Funds will be used to purchase laptops for the EMD and all 5 Deputy EMD to access all pertinent data regardless of location during a critical incident; \$1,500 administrative costs included
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 7. F31.369 | GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into and Sign Agreements with the State of CT Department of Emergency Services | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |

And Public Protection /Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Regional EMPG Pool Grant Award

06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

8. [F31.370](#)
\$58,189.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Summer youth Employment Seasonal Salaries and FICA; Summer Youth Employment Program is funded by 3 sources: Local Community Donations; The Grant from CT Dept of children and Families; and Mayor's Operating Budget
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

9. [F31.371](#)

GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with CT Dept. of Children and Families for the Summer Youth Employment Program
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

10. [F31.372](#)
\$48,696.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Police Department; Speed & Aggressive Enforcement/Overtime/Fringe; SPD will perform special details targeting speed and aggressive driving in Stamford; Funds will be used for overtime and fringe benefits; No City funds required
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-2

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA** (Reps. Boeger and Figueroa abstained).

11. [F31.373](#)

GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for assistance to implement a Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Project
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-2

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA** (Rep. Figueroa abstained).

12. [F31.374](#)
\$17,000,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001396; Operations; Traffic Engineering; West Side Neighborhood Connector Project; Final Design, permitting and construction of 12' wide neighborhood greenway between Richmond Hill Ave and Pulaski Street; Federal Grant Funded
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/25/24 – Approved by the Planning Board
07/11/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

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| 13. F31.375 | GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the West Side neighborhood connector project
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 14. F31.376
\$341.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Department of Health Federal Assistance; PHHSBG; Contracted Services; The grant address current preventable health-related concerns like diabetes, hypertension and obesity; funding estimated at \$38,680; actual funding \$39,021; \$341 for contracted services
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 15. F31.377 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$2,000,000.00; Funding for Affordable Housing Trust Fund; this will support the preservation and creation of affordable housing, in line with the City's Master & Affordable Housing Plan.
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 16. F31.378 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$1,082,000.00; Commitment of \$1,082,000.00 from the General Fund Surplus to The Capital Non-Recurring Fund-BOE; Transfer Will Reduce Future Debt and Interest Expenses Associated With Bond Funding For Approved City or Board Of Education Capital Projects
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 17. F31.379 | APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY2022-23; Funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring - BOE (Fund 57) - \$10,000,000.00
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee | NO ACTION TAKEN |

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| 18. F31.380 | APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY22/23; \$6,000,000.00 from FY22/23 Surplus to the Rainy-Day Fund
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Sherwood abstained). |
| 19. F31.381 | APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY22/23; \$8,000,000.00 from the General Fund surplus to the Capital non-recurring fund; This transfer will reduce future debt and interest expenses associated with bond funding for approved City or Board of Education capital projects.
06/24/2024 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 20. F31.362
\$29,577,645.00 | REVIEW; Source of \$29,577,645.00 Fiscal Year 22/23 General Fund Balance.05/30/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Miller
06/20/24 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
07/22/24 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

A motion to suspend the rules to consider F31.382 was made, seconded and approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote.

Under a suspension of the rules:

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| 21. F31.382 | APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance of FY22/23; \$1,750,000.00 from the General Fund surplus to the Risk Management Fund to cover deficits related to Heart and Hypertension claims and increased claim estimates and judgements
05/30/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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A motion to approve F31.382 was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

Phil Berns, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Chair Berns reported that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

**Anabel Figueroa, Chair
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**

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

**LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair
Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair**

Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee and no report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

**Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair**

Chair de la Cruz reported that there was no meeting of the Operations Committee and no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

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

Chair Stella reported 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 Matthew reported that there was no meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee and no report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Chair Cottrell reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

A motion to waive the next 3 committee reports was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote

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

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

No Meeting, No Report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

**David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

No Meeting, No Report.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

**Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**

No Meeting, No Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL/HIGH RIDGE
LITIGATION COMMITTEE:**

Jeff Curtis, Chair

No Meeting, No Report.

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#): July 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE (Rep.
Berns abstained)**

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).