

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

President Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

President Sherwood read the call of the meeting: I, Nina Sherwood, President 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:

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025
8:00 p.m.**

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to consider and act upon the following:

1. [LU31.061](#) **ENDORSEMENT**; of the revised Stamford 2035 Comprehensive Plan per [CGS Section 8-23](#).
09/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. Boeger, Sherwood and Tomas
09/17/2025 – Motion to endorse/take action rejected 0-22-3

**REJECTED
0-22-3 (Reps.
Blank, Gilbride,
Goldberg, Morson,
Sandford, Shaw, &
Weinberg did not
vote; Reps. Adams,
Cottrell &
Vandervoort
abstained)**

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Nina Sherwood

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 32 members present and 8 members absent or excused: Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saitic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Baines, Camporeale, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Pollack, Watkins, and Williams were absent or excused.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Read by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell

1. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call.
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4. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee [Co-Chair](#) Tomas gave a brief committee report.

President Sherwood read the item description for LU31.061 into the record. The item was moved and seconded by multiple Board members, and discussion ensued. During the discussion, the following topics arose:

1. Conversation centered on the legality of the vote as per the opinion rendered by the City's Law Department that stated the following specific part of the state statute 8-23 [Sec. 8-23(2): "The legislative body or board of selectmen, as the case may be, may hold one or more public hearings on the plan and shall endorse or reject such entire plan or part thereof or amendment and may submit comments and recommended changes to the commission."] does not apply to the City of Stamford.
2. Discussion also regarding the overall effect of said vote to endorse or reject the revised Stamford 2035 Comprehensive Plan when the same section of state statute 8-23(2) goes further to say "The commission may render a decision on the plan without the report of such body or board", even as the statute goes further in Sec. 8-23(i)(2) to state: "Any plan, section of a plan or recommendation in the plan that is not endorse in the report of the legislative body...of the municipality may only be adopted by the commission by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of the commission."

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3. Discussion on the public feedback given at the prior public hearings of both the Board of Representatives Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee and of the Planning Board, in addition to general public outreach to individual members of the Board of Representatives from their constituents
4. Discussion regarding the accuracy of predicted growth in Stamford by 2035 and different factors of the revised Stamford 2035 Comprehensive Plan in regards to whether future growth is properly planned for or not as well planned for.

Discussion session closed and the item (LU3.061) was rejected by a roll call vote of 0-22-3. (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston voted to reject; Reps. Adams, Cottrell and Vandervoort abstained; [Reps. Blank, Gilbride, Goldberg, Morson, Sandford, Shaw, and Weinberg](#) chose not to vote)

ADJOURNMENT: President Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)