

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 6, 2025, 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. This meeting was held remotely.

MINUTES

President Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Rep. Vanessa Williams (District 5)

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. At the time of Roll Call there were 34 members present in person or online (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saffic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams) and 6 member absent or excused (Reps. Baines, Blank, Grunberger, Mays, Moore and Pollack)

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For (1) Annabelle Hughes; (2) John Cottrell; (3) Leroy Frager; (4) Don Farrow; (5) Rita Molgano

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced:

1. The October 2025 birthdays for Board members: Reps. Figueroa, Kuczynski, Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Walston and Watkins.
2. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m. Please submit all items for Steering to BOR_OfficeStaff@stamfordct.gov
3. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.
4. The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5th at 8:00 p.m.
5. The invocation for the November Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 6th District (Reps. Patterson and Summerville). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
6. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call.
7. If you are attending remotely and need assistance with Microsoft Teams, you can call IT at [REDACTED]. 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 - [REDACTED], and using the Phone Conference ID on the agenda: **533 402 3393**. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The Board of Representatives' holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 10th, 2025. All outgoing and incoming members of the Board of Representatives, Board of Finance and Board of Education are invited to attend.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION**; Congratulating Stamford Police Department SWAT team on winning the CT SWAT Team Challenge
09/04/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Rep. Matheny read the resolution into the record.

Stamford Police Department SWAT team members Bryan Cooper, Justin Rosado, Eric Cooper, and John Derisme appeared in person to accept the resolution.

2. **RESOLUTION**; Congratulating Angela Carella on her retirement from her journalism career of over 41 Years.
09/22/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Stella **WITHDRAWN BY SUBMITTERS**

Pres. Sherwood stated Item No. 2 was withdrawn by the submitters. No action was taken.

3. **RESOLUTION**; Congratulating Stamford Emergency Medical Services (SEMS) for being recognized as Connecticut's Career EMS Agency of the Year.
09/29/25 - Submitted by Rep. Morson **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Stamford EMS Deputy Chief Bill Ackley and Stamford EMS team members appeared in person to accept the resolution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Session opened at 8:44 p.m. and closed at 9:26 p.m.

The following spoke during the public participation session: (1) Dolores Gambini – in person (2) Mike Papa – remote (3) Sonal Patel – remote; (4) Kieran Edmondson – remote; (5) Ed Grebeck – remote; (6) Joseph Andriena – in person; (7) Gina Calabrese – in person; (8) Tyler LeVander – in person; (9) Dave Adams – in person; (10) Laura Martin – remote; (11) Candace Weathers – remote; (12) Jane Love – in person

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025
7:00 p.m. – by webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2025
8:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and
by webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. A31.207 | ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ;
Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances,
Authorities, Boards and Commissions, §6-123. - Duties
and responsibilities (Appointments Commission)
04/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
04/29/2025 – Held by Committee
05/28/2025 – Failed by Committee 2-3-1
06/02/2025 – Recommitted to Steering by Unanimous
Voice Vote
06/02/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken
08/04/2025 – Recommitted to Steering by Unanimous
Voice Vote
08/27/2025 – No Action Taken
09/02/2025 – Amendment approved 28-6-1
09/02/2025 – Approved as amended for publication 28-8-
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26-8-0 |
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09/24/2025 – Amendment 1 approved by committee 6-1-0

09/24/2025 – Amendment 2 approved by committee 7-0-0

09/24/2025 – Public Hearing Held & Approved as amended by committee 6-1-0

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| 2. A31.224 | <p>Board of Ethics
Evan Guttman (R) <i>Repl. Springer (R) Exp. 12/1/24</i>
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
8/29/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
09/12/2025 – To be held
09/24/2025 – No action taken</p> | <p>NO ACTION
TAKEN</p> |
| 3. A31.225 | <p>Zoning Board of Appeals
Lauren Jacobson (D) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
8/29/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
09/12/2025 – To be held
09/24/2025 – No action taken</p> | <p>NO ACTION
TAKEN</p> |
| 4. A31.226 | <p>Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
Nicholas Ponzio (D) <i>Repl. Hersh (D) Exp. 12/1/22</i>
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
8/29/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
09/12/2025 – To be held
09/24/2025 – No action taken</p> | <p>NO ACTION
TAKEN</p> |
| 5. A31.227 | <p>Arts & Culture Commission
Liz van Caloen (R) <i>Repl. Collins (U) Exp. 12/1/24</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
8/29/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
09/12/2025 – To be held
09/24/2025 – No action taken</p> | <p>NO ACTION
TAKEN</p> |
| 6. A31.228 | <p>Social Services Commission
Shani Ben-Dov (R) <i>Repl. Lombardo (R) Exp. 12/1/24</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
8/29/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
09/12/2025 – To be held
09/24/2025 – No action taken</p> | <p>NO ACTION
TAKEN</p> |

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| 7. A31.138 | REVIEW ; Demographics of Stamford's Board and Commissions.
09/04/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
10/15/24 – Moved to pending
07/30/2025 – No Action Taken
08/27/2025 – No Action Taken
09/24/2025 – No action taken | NO ACTION TAKEN |
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Chair Patterson moved Item No. 1 (A31.207) to be voted on for approval and final adoption, and discussion ensued. Rep. Berns made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance language in Sec. 6-123(B) to include “Upon the applicant’s agreement to do so, the applicant’s name may be added to the website as set for in sub-section (7) below.” A question as to if this proposed amendment would be contrary to FOIA regulations was brought up and discussed. The conversation regarding transparency continued, and the amendment failed via roll call vote of 10-23-1 (Reps approved; Reps voted against and Rep. Campbell abstained).

The original motion to approve A31.207 for final adoption was approved by roll call vote of 26-8-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved and Reps. Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Morson, Sandford, Shaw, Vandervoort and Weinberg voted against).

FISCAL COMMITTEE

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Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, September 29, 2025

6:00 p.m. –by webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. F31.580
\$1,091,150.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING) ; Fire Wage Payout – Contingency -- \$1,091,150.00 – to appropriate funds per the increased obligations per a recent contract settlement with the Stamford Professional Firefighters Union
08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/13/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
(Rep. Strain abstained) |
| 2. F31.596
\$742,888.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING) ; Request to appropriate funds to meet increased obligations for FY25/26 under the recent IUEOE contract settlement
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1
09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |

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| 3. F31.597
\$336,365.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING);
Request to appropriate funds for retroactive wage increase obligations for FY24/25 pursuant to recent IUEOE contract settlement
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 4. F31.598
\$400,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP2750 Library -HVAC Equipment Replacement;
Request to formally allocate the Ferguson Library’s ARP funding to this HVAC project, ensuring the funds are applied toward the planned infrastructure improvements and associated project costs.
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
(Rep. Cottrell abstained) |
| 5. F31.599
\$84,672.84 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP3343 Site and Infrastructure Improvements at the Stamford Museum; Funds from settlement agreement to remediate the rain gardens that were installed as part of the north parking lot at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/04/2025 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
(Reps. Fedeli & Sherwood abstained) |
| 6. F31.600
\$50,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP8706 Sidewalk Extensions; Pedestrian safety and sidewalk upgrades as part of the Zoning Approval for 120 Hamilton Avenue
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 7. F31.601
\$15,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP4000034 Northrop Park; Eversource paid and easement in Northrop Park related to the transmission line project
08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/04/2025 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1
09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 8. F31.602
\$970.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS);
Contracted Services; Stamford Senior Transportation; grant funding awarded above the amount approved in the FY2026 Operating Budget to support subsidized transportation services for the elderly and disabled. No City funds are required. | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |

08/29/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

9. [F31.603](#)

APPROVAL; of a Proposed Contract With Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, For The Purchase Of A Marauder 95 Ft. Aerialscope Non-Quint Mid-Mount Platform Fire Apparatus, And The Associated Bid Waiver For This Purchase

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

09/29/2025 – Submitted by Miguel Robles, Assistant Chief, SFD

09/29/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

09/29/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Boeger moved Item Nos. 1 through 9 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

**LEGISLATIVE AND RULES
COMMITTEE**

**Phil Berns, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair**

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Meeting 1: Monday, September 29, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By webinar
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Meeting 2: Tuesday, September 30, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislation & Rules Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. [LR31.100](#)

ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption;

**APPROVED AS
AMENDED FOR
REPUBLICATION**

Requiring a Citywide Transition to Electric Landscaping Equipment in the City of Stamford

04/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale, de la Cruz, Weinberg and Berns

04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

05/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

06/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-2

08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 1 approved by Committee 6-1-0

08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 2 approved by Committee 6-1-0

08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 3 approved by Committee 7-0-0

08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 4 approved by Committee 6-1-0

08/26/2025 – Approved as amended for public hearing

by Committee 5-1-0
09/02/2025 – Approved for publication 28-6-0
**09/30/2025 – Motion to divide the question approved
by committee 8-0-0**
**09/30/2025 – Motion to Amend 211-4(2) months
failed by Committee 2-5-1**
**09/30/2025 – Motion to Amend 211-4(3)(a) and (b)
failed by Committee 2-6-0**
**09/30/2025 – Public hearing held & Approved by
Committee 7-1-0**

2. [LR31.104](#) **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption;
Amending §111-6 Dogs (C-1) *Control of
dangerous/vicious dogs of the Code of Ordinances*
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
08/26/2025 – Approved for public hearing by
Committee 5-0-0
09/02/2025 – Approved for publication via unanimous
voice vote
**09/29/2025 – Public hearing held & Approved by
Committee 8-0-0**
3. [LR31.106](#) **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption;
Amending Chapter 227 of the Stamford Code of
Ordinances to Establish a Comprehensive Tree
Preservation and Urban Forestry Program
08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, de la Cruz
and Strain
08/27/2025 – Proposed amendment approved by
Committee 6-0-2
08/27/2025 – Approved as amended for public hearing
by Committee 8-0-0
09/02/2025 – Approved for publication via unanimous
voice vote
**09/29/2025 – Public Hearing held & Amended by
Committee 7-1-0**
**09/29/2025 – Approved as amended for 2nd public
hearing 8-0-0**
4. [LR31.107](#) **ORDINANCE;** for discussion; Requiring Net Zero
Construction for all new buildings and major
commercial renovations, in alignment with the Board of
Representatives Climate Emergency [Resolution #4130](#),
Mayor’s Executive Order [EO 005 230417 Climate](#),
[Public Act 21-29](#), and [House Bill 5004](#), which targets
statewide net-zero emissions by 2050.
08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Strain
08/27/2025 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-
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09/29/2025 – Recommitted to Steering by
- APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**
- APPROVED AS
AMENDED FOR
REPUBLICATION**
- NO ACTION
TAKEN**

Committee 8-0-0

5. [LR31.108](#) **ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption;** **APPROVED ON**
regarding Veterans Tax Exemption **THE CONSENT**
09/04/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **AGENDA**
09/30/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Chair Berns moved Item Nos. 2, 3 and 5 to the consent agenda, and Rep. Fedeli asked to remove Item No. 3 from the consent agenda. Chair Berns amended his motion to only move Item Nos. 2 and 5 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

Chair Berns moved Item No. 1 (LR31.100), it was seconded, and Rep. Matheny opened discussion with a motion to amend with a change to Sec. 211-4(2) Seasonal Exception. Discussion continued, and a secondary amendment was made to add a change of the adoption date from 3 years to 1 year from approval. The secondary amendment failed by roll call vote of 14-18-2 (Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Curtis, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Tomas, and Williams approved; Reps. Adams, Berns, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, and Weinberg voted against; Reps. Graham and Summerville abstained).

An updated secondary amendment with both the change to Sec. 211-4(2) Seasonal Exception and a change of the adoption date from 3 years to 2 years was moved, seconded, and passed via a roll call vote of 17-14-1 (Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, Goldberg, Graham, Matheny, Morson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved; Reps. Berns, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Kuczynski, Ley, Patterson, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Vandervoort and Weinberg voted against; Rep. Summerville abstained).

Item No. 1 (LR31.100) was then moved as amended for republication, seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote.

Chair Berns moved Item No. 3 (LR31.106), the motion received a second, and Rep. Sherwood opened discussion with a motion to amend to accept the updated language as provided by Attorney Lee. Discussion continued, and the motion to amend was approved by a unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walson, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams approved).

Item No. 3 (LR31.106) was then moved as amended for republication, was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood,

Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walson, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams approved).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Mary Fedeli, Chair

Bobby Pavia, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. P31.078 | REJECTION ; of a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Stamford and IUOE Highway Local 30
08/31/2025 – Submitted by Paula Russell
09/11/2025 – Positive Advisory Opinion by Board of Finance 5-0-1
09/15/2025 – Motion to Reject Failed 0-8-0 | REJECTION
FAILED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Chair Fedeli moved Item No. 1 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and failed via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams opposed).

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair

Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Meeting 1: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By webinar

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Meeting 2: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. LU31.059 | REVIEW ; of Establishment at 36 Vine Road
09/02/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale and Sherwood
09/16/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
| 2. LU31.058 | ORDINANCE; for publication ; Forming a Conservation Commission in the City of Stamford.
09/03/25 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale
09/16/2025 – Name change of item passed by committee 7-0-0
09/16/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 | NO ACTION
TAKEN |

3. [LU31.043](#) **REVIEW**; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
 08/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
 08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
 09/18/24 – Held by Committee
 10/24/24 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0
 11/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
 12/09/24 – Held at Steering
 01/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
 02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
 03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
 04/23/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
 07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
 08/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/16/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025
 6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. [O31.080](#) **APPROVAL**; of an Agreement with Grillo Services LLC for Hauling and Disposal of Logs, Brush and Yard Waste. **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
 08/05/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 08/21/2025 – Held
 09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
09/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0
2. [O31.079](#) **RESOLUTION**; Concerning Building Permit Fees and Certificate of Occupancy Fees for Affordable Housing Units (Originated from O31.075) made into own item at committee meeting **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
 07/24/25 – Submitted via Motion to Bifurcate O31.075 as Amended by Reps. Ley and Boeger
 07/24/25 – Failed by Committee 4-5-0
 08/04/25 – Recommitted to Steering by roll call vote 29-1-0
 08/21/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/18/2025 – Motion to Amend Approved by Committee 5-1-0
09/18/2025 – Approved as Amended by Committee 3-3-0
3. [O31.081](#) **RESOLUTION**; Concerning Building Permit Fees and Certificate of Occupancy Fees Reduction for Not for Profit Organizations **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Ley, Blank, Camporeale, Gilbride, Goldberg, Morson, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, and Weinberg
08/21/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0

4. [O31.078](#) **REVIEW**; Flooding issues in Springdale and the surrounding neighborhoods. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
06/16/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale
07/24/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
08/21/2025 – Held
09/18/2025 – Report made
5. [O31.049](#) **REVIEW**; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
06/17-24 – No Action Taken
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
02/20/25 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
04/24/25 – No Action Taken
05/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
07/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
08/21/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/18/25 – Report made
6. O31.069 **REVIEW**; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham
03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
04/24/25 – No Action Taken
05/22/25 – No Action Taken
06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
08/21/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/18/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
7. [O31.083](#) **REVIEW**; Administration’s Current Plans for W. Main Street Bridge in comparison to Board of Representatives Resolution No. [4367](#) **NO ACTION TAKEN**
09/08/2025 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Stella
09/18/2025 – No action taken

Chair de la Cruz moved Item Nos. 1 and 3 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley,

Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

Chair de la Cruz then moved Item No. 2 (O31.079), the motion was seconded, and during discussion, Rep. Ley made a motion to amend the permitting fees schedule with the following language [submitted to the Board office prior to the meeting on Monday, October 6th, which was sent to the Board and also displayed during the meeting]

(1) Deed restricted "Affordable Housing Units," as defined in the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations (as amended), developed by Qualified Not-For-Profit Organizations, are exempt from City of Stamford Building Permit fees) above the non-waivable \$25 minimum per permit required by Code §123-1(B). Deed restricted "Affordable Housing Units," as defined in the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations (as amended), developed by for-profit entities, shall be assessed a reduced building permit fee of thirteen dollars (\$13) per \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) of estimated cost.

(2) A Qualified Not-For-Profit Organization is an organization that: (a) is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or similar public purposes; (b) does not distribute profits to private persons; (c) maintains a governing board and complies with applicable state nonprofit laws; and (d) holds current IRS §501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

(3) This exemption and fee reduction applies only to constructed Affordable Housing Units and does not apply to fee-in-lieu payments or non-construction activities.

(4) For projects comprised exclusively of Affordable Housing Units and ancillary common areas, the exemption or fee reduction apply to the entire estimated development cost of the new construction or renovations. For mixed-scope projects, the exemption applies only to the portion of the estimated development cost attributable to Affordable Housing Unit construction or renovation; shared ancillary common areas shall be allocated proportionally pursuant to uniform, published methodology.

(5) If a unit or space for which a fee exemption or reduction was granted later loses its deed-restriction or otherwise ceases to qualify, the City may recapture the previously exempted local fees, with interest as permitted by law, pursuant to a City-approved, recorded recapture agreement.

(6) Nothing herein waives or reduces any state-mandated surcharges or fees, including the Code Training & Education fee of \$0.26 per \$1,000 of construction value, which shall be assessed, collected, and remitted as required by law.

(7) This resolution affects only City of Stamford fees.

(8) Administration. The Board delegates to the Director of Operations, or designee, authority to issue uniform written guidance, a single citywide methodology for eligibility determinations and mixed-scope allocations, standard documentation checklists and affidavits, and a City-approved standard form of recorded recapture agreement. All guidance shall be publicly available and applied uniformly.

Her motion to amend was seconded, and discussion ensued, during which Majority Leader Fedeli temporarily chaired the meeting. The motion to amend passed via roll call vote of 16-11-4 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Cottrell, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Morson, Pavia, Roqueta, Shaw, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams approved; Reps. Campbell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Matheny, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain and Tomas voted against; Reps. Boeger, Camporeale, Graham and Summerville abstained; Reps. Figueroa and Sandford left the meeting prior to the vote).

A motion to approve as amended was made, seconded and approved via roll call vote of 22-6-3 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Shaw, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams approved; Reps. Matheny, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, and Tomas voted against; Reps. Camporeale, Graham and Summerville abstained).

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE
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Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice-Chair
 Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025
 6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Stella stated Vice Chair Morson would give the committee report. Vice Chair Morson reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. PS31.002 | REVIEW ; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution 4081 .(Previously PS30.092)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Berns, Stella and Strain
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Report Made
03/06/23 – Recommitted to Steering at Board Meeting by Unanimous Voice Vote
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending
04/20/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
05/18/23 – Report Made
06/05/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending
08/24/28 – No Action Taken
09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering, 6-0-1
10/26/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending
10/30/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
11/12/24 – Moved to Pending
01/30/25 – No Action Taken
02/19/25 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
07/31/25 – Meeting Cancelled
08/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
09/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 2. PS31.057 | REVIEW ; grant approved by the Board of Representatives one year ago for the geo spatial air pollution truck (GMAP) approved for the South and West end of Stamford where the life expectancy (according to a Stamford Hospital study) is eight years | NO ACTION TAKEN |

less than that of a north Stamford resident. The same disparity in health is found in asthma rates from the North to South sides. The air monitors that are currently in place only monitor particles. The trucks cover toxins, gases, and pollutants other than just particles.

10/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale

10/30/24 – Recommitted to December Steering 8-0-0

12/09/24 – Moved to Pending

09/25/25 – Report made

**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

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Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel Sandford, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. [PR31.041](#) **REVIEW**; New Lione Park parking lot progress
03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
04/14/25 – Moved to Pending
09/15/25 – Report Made **NO ACTION
TAKEN**

2. [PR31.049](#) **REVIEW**; Stamford Stars' Proposal for Future
Expansion of Ball Fields
08/19/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
09/15/2025 – Report Made **NO ACTION
TAKEN**

3. [PR31.050](#) **ORDINANCE**; for publication; Amendment to Section
231-3 of the Code of Ordinances regarding beach
access
09/04/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
09/15/2025 – Approved by committee 5-0-0 **APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

4. [PR31.051](#) **ORDINANCE**; for publication; All Park Designs within
the City of Stamford must be approved by the Parks &
Recreation Commission as an approver of park design
09/05/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
09/15/2025 – Withdrawn **NO ACTION
TAKEN**

5. [PR31.044](#) **REVIEW**; Ordinance for Discussion, Regulating The
Use Of Existing Artificial Turf Fields And Banning
Future Installation Of Such Fields.
06/04/2025 – Submitted by Reps de la Cruz,
Camporeale, Berns, Walston, Figueroa, Campbell,
Safic, Strain, Adams and Curtis
06/23/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 4-2-0
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
08/18/2025 – Held
09/15/2025 – Withdrawn **NO ACTION
TAKEN**

Chair Matheny moved Item No. 3 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice-Chair

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

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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, September 30, 2025
6:30 p.m. – By webinar

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Chair Roqueta reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. HCD31.082 **REVIEW**; of the 2023 Affordable Housing Mayoral Executive Order.
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta
09/30/2025 – Held by Committee 5-0-0 **NO ACTION TAKEN**

2. [HCD31.088](#) **ORDINANCE**; for publication; Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 146, Article V, Section 146-67, Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program (from 10% to 15%)
09/04/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Roqueta and Sherwood
09/30/2025 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

3. HCD31.035 **REVIEW**; Homeowner/Small Landlord Rehabilitation Program.
02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Baxter and Campbell
03/28/23 –Held by Committee
04/25/23 –Held by Committee
05/23/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
07/10/23 – Moved to Pending
01/23/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-0
02/12/24 – Held by Steering Committee
01/28/25 – Held in Committee 4-0-0
02/10/25 – Moved to Pending
09/30/25 – No action taken **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Co-Chair Roqueta moved Item No. 2 to the consent agenda, the motion was seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny,

Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saffic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice-Chair

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

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Ashley Ley, Vice-Chair

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

MINUTES

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| 1. | APPROVAL ; September 2, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes | APPROVED ON CONSENT
(Rep. Sherwood abstained) |
| 2. | APPROVAL ; September 17, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes | APPROVED ON CONSENT
(Rep. Sherwood abstained) |

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved via unanimous voice vote. President Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#)) and ([Part 2](#))