

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, April 7, 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 will also be held remotely and will be accessible by computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470541826> or at www.zoom.com – Webinar ID: 814 7054 1826 or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 Webinar ID: 814 7054 1826.

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Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, (203) 977-7993,
Email: CHughes1@StamfordCT.gov.

AGENDA

INVOCATION: To be delivered by Rep. Jennifer Matheny [19th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: To be led by President Curtis.

ROLL CALL: To be conducted by Clerk Cottrell.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

COMMUNICATIONS:

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION**; Honoring Ron Malloy for his years of service as the Democratic Registrar for the City of Stamford.
2/5/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Gilbride
2. **RESOLUTION**; Congratulating Westhill High School's Percussion ensemble for being named WGI (Winter Guard International) Dartmouth Scholastic Open Class Champions and advancing to the WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH.
3/12/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Strain

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

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

Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 1 through 10.

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| 1. A31.182 | Planning Board
Jeremy Linder (R) <i>Repl. Tunga R 12/1/2025</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
2/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
02/26/25 – Held by Committee 4-3-0
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1 | TO BE
CONSIDERED
ON THE
CONSENT
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| 2. A31.198 | Board of Assessment Appeals
Raymond Leyden (R) <i>Reappointment R 12/1/2027</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 -- Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
CONSIDERED
ON THE
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. A31.188 | Harbor Management Commission
Damian Ortelli (R) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
CONSIDERED
ON THE
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AGENDA |
| 4. A31.189 | Health Commission
Tabitha Fortt, MD (D) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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| 5. A31.191 | Arts & Culture Commission
Sarah King (D <i>Repl. Varamo D 12/1/2025</i>
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
 CONSIDERED
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| 6. A31.192 | Arts & Culture Commission
Lou Chen (D <i>Repl. Cooper D 12/1/2025</i>
Stamford, CT 06901
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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| 7. A31.193 | Social Services Commisison
Meghan Zimmerman (D <i>Repl. Teichman D 12/1/2021</i>
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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| 8. A31.195 | Patriotic & Special Events Commission
Steve Urso (D <i>Repl. Mehta U 12/1/2026</i>
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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| 9. A31.196 | Patriotic & Special Events Commission
Seth Lapine (D <i>Repl. Delaney D 12/1/2024</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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| 10. A31.197 | Patriotic & Special Events Commission
Charles Paksi (R <i>Repl. Gonzalez R 12/1/2027</i>
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | TO BE
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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2025

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

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 1 through 8.

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| 1. F31.546 | <p>APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) - \$5,300,00.00 – funding for City/Capital Non-Recurring.
 02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
 03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | <p>TO BE
 CONSIDERED
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| 2. F31.547 | <p>APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) - \$10,000,00.00 – funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring – BOE (Fund 57).
 02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
 03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | <p>TO BE
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| 3. F31.548
\$57,800.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Project: CP4000071; Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135007; Operations: Engineering – the request to increase is for design purposes. Fund Source: State Grant and Bond (City).
 02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 03/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
 03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | <p>TO BE
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| 4. F31.549 | <p>RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$57,800 For The Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135007 Project And Authorizing \$28,900 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation
 02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
 03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | <p>TO BE
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| 5. F31.550
\$500,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Project: C16012; City Wide Storm Drains; Operations: Engineering; Installation and Replacement of storm drains, catch basins and curbs. Fund Source: Capital Non-Recurring
 02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
 03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | <p>TO BE
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6. [F31.551](#)
\$404,142.50

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Project: CP400020: Wire Mill Road Bridge:
Operations: Engineering; to approve an increase of the
prior approved authorization. Fund Source: 100%
Federal Grant.
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
03/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
03/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning
Board
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0

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7. [F31.552](#)
\$5,210.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Budget);
Stamford Police Department: Federal /funds: to be
used to conduct Distracted Driving Patrols on an
Overtime basis. This Amount reflects the actual award
amount.
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2

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8. [F31.553](#)
\$23,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Budget);
Youth Services: Mayor's Budget: Internship for the
Unpaid Experiential Learning Project (UELPE) for High
School Seniors; Funding for seasonal hire of this
program to support administrative tasks.
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0

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**LEGISLATIVE & RULES
COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
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Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 3 and 6.

1. [LR31.091](#)

ORDINANCE for discussion; on banning the sale,
provision, and distribution of single use plastic products in
food and beverage establishments.
01/06/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale, Cottrell and
de la Cruz
01/28/25 – Recommited to Steering
01/28/25 – Recommited to Steering 7-0-0
02/25/25 – Recommited to Steering
03/25/25 – Recommited to Steering 9-0-0

2. [LR31.092](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving an Amended and Restated Lease for the Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility and Scofield Manor The Residential Care Home at 88 Rock Rimmon Road and 614 Scofieldtown Road, City of Stamford, State of Connecticut.
 01/09/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 01/28/25 – Approved by the Planning Board 5-0-0
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 02/13/25 – Board of Finance Held item 6-0-0
 02/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
 03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0
03/25/25 – Failed by Committee 3-5-1

3. [LR31.093](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement with Augustus Manor Associates Limited Partnership and Augustus Manor Preservation, L.P., for 101 Main Street, Stamford, CT.
 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/25/25 – Approved for Publication by Committee 8-0-0
03/25/25 – Approved by committee 9-0-0

4. [LR31.094](#) RESOLUTION and Public Hearing; Approving a proposed contract for sale and First (only) amendment for the purchase and renovation of the YMCA at 10 Bell Street, Stamford, CT for use as a recreation center.
 01/22/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/11/25 – To be considered by the Planning Board
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
 02/13/25 – Board of Finance Held item 6-0-0
03/17/25 – Board of Finance failed item 2-3-1
03/25/25 – No action taken by committee

5. [LR31.072](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Regulating the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores
 02/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Camporeale
 02/27/24 – Held by Committee
 04/30/24 – Held by Committee
 05/13/24 – Moved to Pending
 02/24/25 – Approved for Publication by Committee 8-0-0
03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

6. [LR31.095](#) RESOLUTION; Urging the State of Connecticut to Pass Bill No. 6832 an Act Authorizing Municipalities to Prohibit the sale of Dogs, Cats and Rabbits in Pet Shops.
 03/04/25- Submitted by Sherwood and Camporeale
03/25/25 – Approved by committee 9-0-0

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7. LR31.096 RESOLUTION; Requiring members of the Board of Representatives attend a Cultural Diversity Training workshop at the beginning of every new board term and a refresher course at midterm to ensure continuous awareness and understanding of diversity and inclusion principles.
 2/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis, and Cottrell
03/21/25 – Held by committee
03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: **Mary Fedeli, Chair**
Bobby Pavia, Vice Chair

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: **Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair**
Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair
 Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar
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1. [LU31.043](#) REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street.
 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
2. [LU31.050](#) REVIEW; of the CT HB No. 5474 – specifically in regards to reviewing a “new” State law passed on October 1, 2024 explicitly authorizing municipalities, by vote of their legislative bodies to adopt an ordinance regulating the operation and use of short-term rental properties.
 01/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Graham
 01/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
 02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
3. [LU31.051](#) REVIEW; Status of Sale of 0 West Park Place
 02/03/25 - Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
 02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

4. [LU31.053](#) REVIEW; Status of 1201 Washington Boulevard, Resident Relocation Plans and Potential Conversion to UConn Dorms as well as the future plans of the University of Connecticut (UCONN)- University and Research Overlay District.
03/05/25 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell, Campbell, and Sherwood
02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0

As a Secondary Committee: HCD/SS Committee

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

The following item is on the Consent Agenda: Item No. 4.

1. [O31.068](#) RESOLUTION for public hearing; for selecting the alternative for replacement of the West Main Street Bridge.
02/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
02/20/25 – Approved as amended 6-3-0
03/03/25 – Recommitted to Steering by full Board
03/20/25 – Approved by committee 6-2-0
2. O31.049 REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads.
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
3. O31.069 REVIEW; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs.
03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham
03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

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4. [O31.070](#) APPROVAL; of 1st amendment to an agreement with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. DBA WMC Consulting Engineers for construction engineering inspection services for the replacement of Hunting Ridge Road Bridge. No. 135009.
2/27/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
03/20/25 – Approved by committee 8-0-0
5. O31.064 REVIEW; status of opening day for cafeteria at government center
01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa
01/13/25 – Moved to pending
03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
6. O31.065 REVIEW; organizations allowed to use city hall for public meetings and the money generated from it.
01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa
01/13/25 – Moved to pending
03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

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

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**
Meeting: ~~Monday, March 24, 2025~~ **CANCELED**
~~7:00 p.m. – By webinar~~

1. [PR31.028](#) REVIEW; Proposed Scalzi Park Bocce Court Reconstruction Plan, along with Associated Costs.
10/04/23 – Submitted by Reps. Matheny and Tomas
11/30/23 – Report Made
12/04/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
01/08/24 – Moved to the Pending Agenda
2. PR31.041 REVIEW; New Leone Park parking lot progress
03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

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

**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. E31.045 REVIEW; overview of the public library system in Stamford.

3/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Shaw

2. E31.046 REVIEW; overview with what's going on with school construction.
3/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Shaw

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** **Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)
Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. T31.042 REVIEW; Update on Mitigating Traffic around Strawberry Hill School - since a pedestrian was hit on 10/31/24
02/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Gilbride, Morson, Grunberger, Mays, Blank, Goldberg, Pollack and Shaw
02/18/25 – Held by Committee
03/18/25 – Held by Committee 5-1-0

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: **Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Ashley Ley, Vice Chair**
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Video](#)
Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
7:30 p.m. – By Webinar

1. SC31.022 REVIEW; of Resolution to Ban the Use of Toxic Biosoil as Fertilizer.
03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0

1. [SC31.015](#) RESOLUTION; to pledge to treat others with dignity (to practice and promote civility in the City of Stamford).
04/03/24 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Camporeale, Pavia, Strain
04/17/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-0
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Moved to Pending
03/19/25 – Motion to approve failed 2-3-1

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

**Jeff Curtis, Chair
Meeting: TBD**

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL; March 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
[Minutes](#).
2. APPROVAL; March 10, 2025, Special Board Meeting
[Minutes](#)

ADJOURNMENT