



Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives

Denis W. Patterson, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.*

The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Goldberg, Matheny, Morson, Sherwood, Stella, Vandervoort, and Weinberg. Absent or excused was Rep. Grunberger.

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Item No.	Description	COMMITTEE ACTION
1. A31.155	WPCA Robert Barocas (D) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2027 11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	COMMITTEE APPROVED 8-0-0

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Co-Chair Shaw, Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

2. A31.156	WPCA Edward Kelly (D) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2027 11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons	COMMITTEE APPROVED 8-0-0
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A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Co-Chair Shaw, Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

3. A31.157	Appointments Commission Stephen Garst (R) <i>Melchionne R 12/1/2024</i> Stamford, CT 06907 Term Expires: 12/1/2027	COMMITTEE APPROVED 8-0-0
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11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Co-Chair Shaw, Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

4. A31.158 **Golf Commission** **NO ACTION
TAKEN**
Robert Judge (R) Reappointment
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

5. A31.159 **Environmental Protection Board** **COMMITTEE
APPROVED
8-0-0**
Gary Stone (R) Reappointment
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Co-Chair Shaw, Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

6. [A31.160](#) **ORDINANCE** for publication; Establishing the Order in which Expirations and Vacancies are Filled on Boards and Commissions. (Refer to A31.124) **COMMITTEE
APPROVED
5-0-0**
11/06/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Sherwood

The committee discussed in detail this proposed ordinance which revolves around clarifying and formalizing procedures for appointments to boards and commissions in the city, addressing issues related to vacancies, expired terms, and the role of the mayor and Board of Representatives.

Board members expressed concerns about the following:

- Procedural complexity
- Possible creation of additional bureaucratic layers
- Mayor willingness to comply with the ordinance
- Mayor's ability to nominate sufficient candidates with the specified timeframe

The aim was to create a structured and enforceable framework for appointments, reduce holdover practices, and increase transparency. While there was broad agreement on the need for reform, concerns regarding its implementation and enforceability suggest further deliberation may be needed to refine the proposal.

A motion to approve Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair Patterson, Reps. Figueroa, Kuczynski, Summerville, and Walston in favor).

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denis W. Patterson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).