



Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives

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

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, remotely Zoom.*

The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson-in person, Vice-Chair Shaw-in person, and Committee Member Reps. Baines-remote, Figueroa-remote, Kuczynski-remote, Pavia-in person, Summerville-remote, and Walston-in person. Also in attendance were Reps. Campbell, Fedeli, Mays, Morson, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Vandervoort, and Weinberg. Absent or excused was Rep. Grunberger.

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. A31.160	ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Establishing the Order in which Expirations and Vacancies are Filled on Boards and Commissions. (please refer to A31.124 for history). 11/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella and Sherwood 11/19/24 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0 12/02/24 – Approved for publication 23-10-1 12/09/24 – Moved to Pending	COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-1-0

Chair Patterson opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Several members of the public spoke.

Residents shared a mix of opinions, with some strongly supporting the proposal and others voicing concerns. Supporters felt it would bring more transparency, make sure board appointments follow city rules, and prevent people from staying in positions too long without proper approval. They believed it would help improve accountability, especially for land use boards. Others worried that it might not align with the city charter or state law, raising questions about whether it would hold up legally. A few also cautioned that it could lead to unnecessary legal battles and suggested finding a more practical solution within the current system. While people had different views, most agreed that there should be a better process for filling vacancies in a way that keeps the government running smoothly.

Chair Patterson closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

A motion to amend the section in the “Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the City of Stamford that: (a) to change Charter Section to C6-00-4(a)”, was made, seconded and

approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Baines, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

A motion to amend a portion of (c) 2. To read "The Holdover members shall be appointed to replace members in the order of the longest serving expired member", was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Baines, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

A motion to approve this item as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote 7-1-0. (Reps. Patterson, Baines, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor; Rep. Shaw opposed)

2. A31.171 **School Building Committee** **COMMITTEE**
Jackie Heftman (D) *Repl. King (D) Exp. 12/1/2021* **APPROVED 4-3-1**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 4-3-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Baines, and Pavia in favor; Reps. Figueroa, Kuczynski, and Walston opposed; Rep. Summerville abstained)

3. A31.174 **Police Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Carlo Leone (D) *Repl. Findeisen (D) 11/30/2025* **APPROVED 6-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 11/30/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

4. A31.161 **Golf Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Angelo Ripegno (R) *Repl. Vera (R) Exp. 12/1/23* **APPROVED 6-0-0**
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
12/04/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/17/24 – No Action Taken

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

5. A31.164 **Golf Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Myron Smith (D) *Repl. Tedesco (D) Exp. 12/1/2021* **APPROVED 6-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0. (Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

6. A31.165 **Golf Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Michael Briscoe (D) *Reappointment* **APPROVED 6-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

7. A31.166 **Environmental Protection Board** **COMMITTEE**
Laura Tessier (D) *Reappointment* **APPROVED 6-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, and Summerville in favor)

8. A31.167 **Environmental Protection Board** **NO ACTION**
Stephen Schneider (D) *Repl. Ley (D) Exp. 12/1/2021* **TAKEN**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

9. A31.168 **Economic Development Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Beth Fraikorn (D) *Repl. Diamond (D) Exp. 12/1/2013* **APPROVED 7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 7-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

10. A31.169 **Economic Development Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Richard Evanko (R) *Repl. Feeney (R) Exp. 12/1/2022* **APPROVED 6-1-0**
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-1-0.
(Reps. Shaw, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor; Rep. Patterson opposed)

11. A31.170 **Urban Redevelopment Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Richard Evanko (R) *Reappointment* **APPROVED 6-0-1**
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstained)

12. A31.172 **Patriotic and Special Events Commission** **COMMITTEE**
Thomas Bouchard (I) *Repl. Kaplan (D) Exp. 12/1/20* **APPROVED 7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 7-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

13. A31.173 **Harbor Management Commission** **COMMITTEE**
John Malloy (D) *Repl. W. Malloy (D) Exp. 12/1/22* **APPROVED 7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
1/8/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 7-0-0.
(Reps. Patterson, Shaw, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville and Walston in favor)

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denis W. Patterson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).