



## ***Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives***

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Shella Merritt, Vice Chair

# **Notice of Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, and Committee Member Reps. Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Vice Chair Merritt. Also present were President Skigen; Reps. Fedeli, McMullen and Reeder; and Cheryl Bader, Board of Ethics.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 2. <a href="#">LR29.003</a>	APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules providing all members of standing committees be appointed by the Majority and Minority Leaders. 12/16/13 – Committee approved 7-1-0 01/06/14 – Returned to Committee 29-8-0	<b>Approved 6-1-0</b>

The Committee first considered this item. A motion to approve this item as amended at the last Committee meeting was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, and Ryan in favor; Rep. Silver opposed).

<sup>2</sup> 1. <a href="#">LR29.001</a>	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; amending the Ethics Ordinance to change the number of members and alternate members of the Board of Ethics and modify the terms of office of the members and alternate members of the Board of Ethics to conform to changes in the Charter approved in 2012 and 2013. 12/16/13 – Held in Committee	<b>Approved as amended 8-0-0</b>
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A motion to amend this Ordinance to change the number needed for a quorum in Section 19-14.B from 3 to 4, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve this Ordinance, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

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3. [LR29.004](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules to allow all board members to attend committee executive sessions. **Item Withdrawn**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

<sup>3</sup>4. [LR29.005](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding postage allowance to 1) allot \$750 for each 2-year period; and 2) allow flexibility in the method of mailings; and 3) require postage allowance rules be approved by a majority of the Board. **Approved 4-3-1**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to increase the postage limit in the current rules to \$1500 for a four year period was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-3-1 (Reps. Heaphy, Okun, Ryan and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Doyle, Mitchell and Silver opposed; Rep. Day abstaining).

<sup>4</sup>12. [LR29.014](#) RESOLUTION; reestablishing a Stamford Water Quality Special Committee to oversee water contamination and related issues. **Approved 8-0-0**

The Committee next considered this Resolution. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

<sup>5</sup>5. [LR29.007](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules that identifies the members of "Board Leadership" and defines and limits its role. **Approved 5-2-1**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-2-1 (Reps. Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Ryan and Silver opposed; Rep. Heaphy abstaining).

<sup>6</sup>6. [LR29.008](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules whereby the Majority Leader acts as Temporary Chair in the absence of the President at any Steering Committee meeting. **Approved 8-0-0**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

<sup>7</sup>7. [LR29.009](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding BOR members who testify at BOR public hearings. **Approved 6-2-0**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

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<sup>7</sup> Video Time Stamp 01:58:26

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2-0 (Reps. Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun and Silver in favor; Reps. Ryan and Zelinsky opposed).

- <sup>8</sup>8. [LR29.010](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding the seconding of motions in committee meetings. **Approved 8-0-0**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor)

- <sup>9</sup>9. [LR29.011](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding cell phone use during Regular and Special Board Meetings and Committee meetings. **Approved, as amended, 8-0-0**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to amend this item to add the language "except to the extent used for Board business" at the end of each section prohibiting cell phone use was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

- <sup>10</sup>10. [LR29.012](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding holding meetings via telephone or video conferencing in cases of declared states of emergency. **Approved, as amended, 8-0-0**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

- <sup>11</sup>11. [LR29.013](#) APPROVAL; of an amendment to the Board's Rules regarding caucus meetings. **Approved 6-1-1**  
12/16/13 – Held in Committee

A motion to amend this item to remove the language regarding confidentiality was made and seconded. A motion to amend the proposed amendment to change the word within to concerning was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-2. (Reps. Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Reps Doyle and Mitchell opposed; Reps Heaphy and Day abstaining.)

A motion to approve the amendment, as amended, was made, seconded and failed by a tie vote of 4-4-0. (Reps. Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Reps Heaphy, Day, Doyle and Mitchell opposed).

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A motion to approve the original item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-1 (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Doyle, Mitchell, Okun and Silver in favor; Rep. Ryan opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining).

[Attached](#) is a copy of the Board Rules with all of the proposed amendments approved at this meeting.

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

*This meeting is on [video](#).*