Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Michael McKeown, Chair Karen Camporeale, Vice-Chair

Committee Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. Present were: Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee member Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone, and Weinberg. Absent/excused was Rep. Lapine.

Also present were ex-officio Reps. Beckham, Field, Finkel, Morson, Pavia, Pelliccia, Pollack, Price, Sandford, Shaw, Sylvestre and Weathers City staff members Burt Rosenberg and Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office; Harbor Management Commission Chair Dr. Damien Ortelli, as well as members of the public.

Chair McKeown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and called for a motion to suspend the rules to take the agenda in reverse order. The motion received a second and was approved via a unanimous voice vote of 7-0-0 of those present at the time (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Committee Rep. Hyatt was not yet in the meeting and did not vote).

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR32.016	**ORDINANCE <u>for final adoption</u>;** To repeal the Appointments Commission per Article XVII of Chapter 6, including Sections 6-121 through 6-124 of the Code of Ordinances. 03/05/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/24/2026 – Postponed to next month's meeting by Committee 6-3-0 04/28/2026 – Item tabled by Committee 7-2-0 04/28/2026 – Postponed definitely to the next meeting by Committee 7-2-0 05/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 06/01/2026 – Approved for public hearing by unanimous voice vote **06/23/2026 – Public Hearing held** **06/23/2026 – Postponed definitely by Committee 9-0-0**	**POSTPONED DEFINITELY BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0**

Chair McKeown read Item No. 1 [LR32.016] into the record and Committee Rep. Boudreau called for a motion to postpone LR32.016 definitely to the next meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and after brief discussion, the motion to postpone definitely was approved via a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

2. LR32.017 **ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u>;** Amending the Code of Ordinances to establish information reporting requirements of the Office of the Mayor with respect to the applicants and appointees of the City Boards and Commissions.
04/08/2026 – Submitted by Rep. McKeown
04/28/2026 – Amended by Committee 9-0-0 04/28/2026 – Further Amended by Committee 5-4-0 04/28/2026 – Recommit to Steering Failed by Committee 4-5-0
04/28/2026 – Postponed definitely to the next meeting by Committee 7-2-0
05/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 7-2-0
06/01/2026 – Approved for public hearing by roll call vote 37-2-0
06/23/2026 – Public Hearing held
06/23/2026 – Amendment to Sec. 52-11 S to change "month" to "quarter" for reporting approved by Committee 9-0-0
06/23/2026 – Approved as amended for second public hearing by Committee 8-1-0

APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0

Chair McKeown read Item No. 2 [LR32.017] and then opened the public hearing session at 7:18 p.m., calling first on the pre-registered list of speakers (see speaker list). After the list was exhausted, he invited anyone from the public who was present and wished to speak to raise their hand; there was no response. The session was closed at 7:30 p.m. after all interested parties had spoken.

Following the public hearing, Chair McKeown called for a motion to approve LR32.017, which was made and seconded. Prior to calling for a vote, there was discussion between the committee members, ex officio members and Attorney Lee regarding the proposed ordinance. During discussion, the following motions to amend were made:

A motion to amend as shown in the following proposed draft amendments to Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinances, Article II – AFFIRMATIVE REPORTING was reviewed by the Committee. Rep. Boudreau made a motion to further amend this section by striking subsections (a) and (b) but did not receive a second and there was no vote held.

While the proposed draft amendment to Chapter 52 was being reviewed, a motion was made to strike the word "reasonable" from Sec. 52-11 sub. (a) and replace it with "sole". The motion received a second. This motion to amend the amendment was approved via a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Member Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

After this vote, there was a motion made by Committee Rep. Weinberg to make an amendment to subsection (b), but it was subsequently withdrawn without objection from the Committee.

There was then a motion from Committee Rep. Boudreau to divide the question and vote separately on the proposed amendment without the reporting frequency. This was approved via a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Member Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

The motion to amend Sect. 52-11 subsections (a) through (d) was then approved via a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

There was then a motion to amend the reporting frequency from quarterly to semi-annually. The motion received a second, and there was additional discussion prior to the vote. The motion passed via a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

There was then a motion to amend by striking Sec. 52-12 in its entirety. The motion received a second, and there was discussion. The motion was approved via a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

Lastly, there was a motion to amend by striking Sec. 52-13 in its entirety. The motion received a second, and there was discussion. The motion was approved via a roll call vote of 6-2-0 (Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved; Chair McKeown and Committee Rep. Hughes voted against).

Chair McKeown then called for a vote for the motion to approve LR32.017 as amended for a third public hearing. This motion was made, seconded, and approved via a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg approved).

3. LR32.020	**ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u>;** Amendment to Code of Ordinancees Article XII delegating authority of Shellfish Commission to Harbor Management Commission 06/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	**APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0**

Chair McKeown read Item No.3 [LR32.020] and called for a motion to consider the revised ordinance submitted by Attorney Rosenberg the previous day, as it was submitted after the Board rule timeline of 36 hours before the meeting time had expired. The motion received a second and was approved via a unanimous voice vote of 7-0-0 of those present at the time (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Committee Rep. Hyatt was not yet in the meeting and did not vote).

After the vote, Attorney Rosenberg introduced Dr. Ortelli, Chair of the Harbor Management Commission, who provided the background on this item and why it was submitted. After the guests finished presenting, there was brief discussion where scriveners' errors were mentioned for correction in the draft. After discussion concluded, Chair McKeown called for a motion to approve LR32.020 as amended for publication/public hearing. This motion was made, seconded, and approved via a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Committee Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Stone and Weinberg).

Chair McKeown called for a motion to adjourn and adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McKeown, Chair

This meeting is available on video.