

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 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 and remotely on zoom.com.

MINUTES

Representative Nina Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

1INVOCATION: Delivered by Representative Ramya Shaw

2PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Representative Nina Sherwood

3ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 35 members present and 5 members absent or excused (Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Fedeli (joined after roll-call), Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present in person; Reps. Adams, Berns, de la Cruz, Figueroa (joined after public participation), Gilbride, Kuczynski, Moore, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Tomas, and Dakary Watkins were present remotely; Reps. Curtis, Jean-Louis, Saftic, Stella, and Strain were absent or excused).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS:

4ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT’S ABSENCE: A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

5MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: Gerald Bosak Sr., from President Curtis.

6COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, September 4th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

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3. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, October 7th at 8:00 p.m.
4. The official photograph for the 31st Board of Representatives has been rescheduled to Monday, October 7th at 6:15 p.m.
5. Rep. Ley is celebrating her birthday this month.
6. The invocation for the October Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 13th District (Reps. Goldberg and Morson). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
7. In an effort for us all to get better, we are inviting anyone in city government, or support staff, who may be interested in participating in "Sensitivity Training," to join us in November. Food will be served. Training is available for the following dates:

Thursday, November 14, 4th Floor Café, Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., and training begins at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 9:30 p.m.

*Saturday, November 16, 2024, 6th Floor Training Room, Breakfast is served at 10:00 a.m., and training begins at 10:30 a.m. and goes until 1:30 p.m.

Please send your RSVP to Jessica Arnemann at jarnemann@stamfordct.gov.

8. If you are attending remotely, please remember to log in to the voting software at www.joincloudvote.com using your Unique ID, as emailed to you on March 22nd, and the Meeting ID - BOR31
9. If you are present in Chambers please remember that turning on your microphone will cut off the person speaking and aim the camera at you. If you wish to second a motion, or otherwise speak after someone else, please wait until that person has finished speaking before turning on your microphone. If you need support with your voting equipment, please let the Clerk know and technical support will be provided.
10. If you are attending remotely, please remember to log in to the voting software at www.joincloudvote.com using your Unique ID, as emailed to you on March 22nd, and the Meeting ID - BOR31.
11. If you are attending remotely and need assistance with either Zoom or your voting software, you can call IT at [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office staff. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at [REDACTED] to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
12. If you are attending remotely and decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.
13. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.

⁷HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | RESOLUTION ; Honoring Frances Lane on her service and dedication to the City of Stamford.
08/13/24 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Strain | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 2. | RESOLUTION ; Congratulating Philip J. Giordano on his 97 th Birthday.
09/03/24 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Sherwood | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁸PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: The following spoke during the public participation session: Kieran Edmondson-remote; John Donch-In person; Diane Sloyer-In person; Shira Tarantino-In person; Richard Freedman-Remote; Jed Selkowitz-In person; Yitzchak Wexler-In person; Jeremy I. Hager-In person; Rachel Hager-In person; Gregory Louisy-Remote; Maria Reicin-In person; Marie Rocha-In person; Amy Sroka-Remote; Jeffrey Mosenkis-In person; Glenn Dynner-In person; Maruja Ivri-In person; Jessica Katz-In person; Marti Sichel-In person; Mark Wagshul-Remote; Heather Cohen Dynner-In person; Judith Goldstein-Remote; Dan Schere-In person; Theresa Linsner-Remote; Cynthia Lyon-In person; Toby Lazarus; Alison Greenbaum-In person; Rachel Angel-In person; Valerie P.-Remote; Michael Fernandez-Remote; Zareen Hussain-In person; Chris Woodside-In person; Dave Adams-In person; Jonathan Pollack, in person; Elio Rossette, in person; Nancy Freedman, remote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

⁹STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Meeting: Monday, August 12, 2024
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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¹⁰APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#)
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Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

Chair Patterson Reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Absent or excused were Reps. Cottrell and Kuczynski. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg, Graham, and Stella; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Dana Lee, Attorney; Aaron Miller, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and members of the public.

1. [A31.139](#) REVIEW; Presentation and discussion of the new **REPORT MADE**
City website pages concerning membership and
vacancies on the city's Boards and Commissions
08/07/24 Submitted by Rep. Patterson
08/20/24 – Report Made

2. A31.124 REVIEW; Establishing the Order in which Expirations **REPORT MADE**
and Vacancies are Filled on Boards and
Commissions.
06/05/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
07/01/24 – Held by Committee
07/30/24 – No action Taken
08/20/24 – Report Made

3. A31.140 REVIEW; Discussion on what information needs to **REPORT MADE**
be redacted from candidate resumes presented to
the Appointments Committee for consideration
08/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Walston,
Summerville and Patterson
08/20/24 – Report Made

¹¹FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair
Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, August 26, 2024
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Graham, Morson,

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Shaw, Tomas, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Summerville, and Weinberg; Bill Maguire, Assistant OPM Director, and Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer. Absent or excused were Reps. Camporeale, and Pierre-Louis.

1. [F31.377](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$2,000,000.00; Funding for Affordable Housing Trust Fund; this will support the preservation and creation of affordable housing, in line with the City's Master & Affordable Housing Plan.
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee
08/08/24 – No Action by the Board of Finance
08/26/24 – No Action Taken by Committee **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Secondary Committee: Housing, Community Development and Social Services

2. [F31.378](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$1,082,000.00; Commitment of \$1,082,000.00 from the General Fund Surplus to The Capital Non-Recurring Fund-BOE; Transfer Will Reduce Future Debt and Interest Expenses Associated With Bond Funding For Approved City or Board Of Education Capital Projects
6/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee
08/08/24 – Failed by the Board of Finance 3-3-0
08/26/24 – No Action Taken by Committee **NO ACTION TAKEN**
3. [F31.379](#) APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY2022-23; Funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring - BOE (Fund 57) - \$10,000,000.00
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee
08/08/24 – Failed by the Board of Finance 3-3-0
08/26/24 – No Action Taken by Committee **NO ACTION TAKEN**
4. [F31.381](#) APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY22/23; \$8,000,000.00 from the General Fund surplus to the Capital non-recurring fund; This transfer will reduce future debt and interest expenses associated with bond funding for approved City or Board of Education capital projects. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/24 – No Action Taken by Committee
08/08/24 – Failed by the Board of Finance 3-3-0
08/26/24 – No Action Taken by Committee

5. [F31.383](#)
\$618,248.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Request to appropriate funds to the FY24/25 Pension and OPEB resulting from updated actuarial projections due to receipt of final 2023 asset values; Contingency funding Source
08/02/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/08/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
08/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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AGENDA**

6. [F31.384](#)
\$20,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau received Financial Literacy Training for the Summer Youth Employment Program from the City Financial Empowerment Fund to help improve the current financial literacy program by partnering with financial institutions
08/02/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/08/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
08/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

7. [F31.385](#)

GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Cities for the Financial Empowerment Fund for the Summer Youth Employment Program.
08/02/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

8. [F31.386](#)
\$88,330.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford Police Department; State Funds; Department of Public Health awarded a second year of funding to continue crime prevention efforts geared towards at risk youth; Funds will be utilized by having police officers participate in the Juvenile Review Board, conduct Anti-Violence Training and a Youth Mentoring Program; also to contract with Domus to enhance their Project New Hope Program and Liberation Programs to conduct Empathy Training; Project is 100% grant funded.
08/02/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/08/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

08/26/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

9. [F31.387](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Connecticut Children's Medical Center for financial assistance to continue the Community Violence Intervention & Prevention Services Grant project.
08/02/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/26/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-2
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 5 through 9, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹²LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

Phil Berns, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Chair Berns reported that there was no meeting of the Legislative and Rules Committee and no report.

¹³PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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Mary Fedeli, Chair
Bobby Pavia, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2024
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Goldberg, Mays, and Patterson. Excused were Reps. Berns and Pavia. Also present were Reps. Summerville and Weinberg; Dr. Paula Russell Nisbett, HR Director; Burt Rosenberg, Law Dept.; Katherine LoBalbo, Director of School Construction; Captain Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police Dept.; and members of the public.

1. [P31.056](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with Hart Halsey LLC d/b/a Extra Duty Solutions for Administrative Services for the Police Department Extra Duty Employment; Request for Proposals No. 2024.0245.
07/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/08/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
08/19/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 2. P31.057 | APPROVAL; Agreement with Ajmal Afandi as Clerk of the Works I.
08/07/24 – Submitted by Paula Russell
08/19/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
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A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹⁴LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
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Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair
Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Kuczynski, and Summerville. Excused were Co-Chair Sherwood and Committee Member Reps. Matheny and Mays. Also in attendance were Rep. Goldberg; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Willetta Capelle, Coordinator of Inspections & Plan Review; Robert Clausi, EPB Executive Director, and David Waters, Attorney for Harbor Point; and members of the public.

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| 1. LU31.042 | RESOLUTION; approving the amendment of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations of the City of Stamford.
06/21/24 – Submitted by Robert Clausi, EPB Executive Director
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 | RECOMMENDED TO STEERING |
| 2. 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 | RECOMMENDED TO STEERING |

¹⁵OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Chair de la Cruz reported that there was no meeting of the Operations Committee and no report.

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**¹⁶PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**
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Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, August 29, 2024
6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Vice Chair Morson reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson, and Committee Member Reps. Phil Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, and Pollack. Also in attendance were Rep. Adams, Goldberg, Summerville, and Walston; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Thomas Scanlon, Police Captain; Cynthia Anger, Attorney; William Napoletano, Director Tax & Revenue Collections. Absent or excused were Reps. Pavia and Roqueta.

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| 1. PS31.038 | REVIEW; City of Stamford Court Case and the City's Enforcement Against A. Vitti Construction; An Update on A. Vitti Construction in their Completion of Obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. (Previously reviewed as PS30.101 and PS30.068).
03/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending
05/18/23 – Held by Committee
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending
04/25/24 – Held in Committee
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/29/24 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 | HELD |
| 2. PS31.054 | REVIEW; Food Truck Ordinance, Code §179, Article VI .
06/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/29/24 – Held | HELD |
| 3. PS31.055 | REVIEW; New Public Safety Fusion Data Center
07/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/29/24 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

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**17 PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**

Chair Matthew reported that there was no meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee and no report.

18 EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Chair Cottrell reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

**19 HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2024
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
and By Webinar**

1. HCD31.063 PUBLIC HEARING; of the Year 50 CDBG
Proposals (Year 24/25).
08/01/24 – Submitted by Moira Sawch

20 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

**David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

21 STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

**Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that there was no meeting of the State and Commerce Committee and no report.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

²²**OUTSIDE COUNSEL/HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair**

²³**MINUTES**

1. [APPROVAL](#): August 5, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (*Rep. Sherwood, Pierre-Louis, Figueroa and Berns abstained*)

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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