The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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. This meeting was also held remotely.

### **ACTION REPORT**

President Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Stamford Girl Scouts from Troops 50620 and 50608 (District 4)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Sherwood.

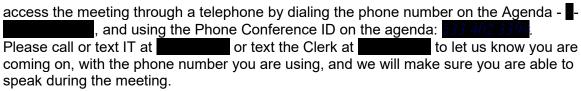
**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. At the time of Roll Call there were 35 members present in person or online (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams) and 5 member absent or excused (Reps. Baines, Goldberg, Grunberger, Saftic, and Sandford)

Rep. Goldberg joined after roll call remotely (during the Appointments committee report) for a total of 36 members present and 4 member absent or excused.

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For (1) Gita Morris by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives; (2) Larry L. Bentley, by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives

#### **COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced:**

- 1. The September 2025 birthdays for Board members: Reps. Ley and Williams.
- 2. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00</u> p.m. Please submit all items for Steering to <u>BOR OfficeStaff@stamfordct.gov</u>
- 3. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- 4. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
- 5. The invocation for the August Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 5<sup>th</sup> District (Reps. Campbell and Williams). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 6. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call.
- 7. If you are attending remotely and need assistance with Microsoft Teams, you can call IT at 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



- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

#### **HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

1. RESOLUTION; Congratulating Ronnie Griggs on Being Named Stamford Public Schools 2025-26 Paraeducator of the Year

06/03/25 - Submitted by 31st Board of Representatives

APPROVED BY

UNANIMOUS

VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Griggs appeared in person to accept the resolution.

2. RESOLUTION; Congratulating Mandi Leale of Newfield Elementary School on Being Named Stamford Public Schools 2025-26 SPEF Educator of the Year VOICE VOTE 08/06/25 - Submitted by 31st Board of Representatives

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Mrs. Leale appeared in person to accept the resolution.

3. RESOLUTION; Congratulating George Rigakos on Being Named Stamford Public Schools 2025-26 UNANIMOUS
Teacher of the Year
05/05/25 - Submitted by 31st Board of Representatives
06/30/25 - Held

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Rigakos appeared in person to accept the resolution.

4. RESOLUTION; Congratulating Richard E. Frattaroli on the Celebration of his 90th Birthday
08/06/25 - Submitted by Rep. Fedeli

APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Frattaroli and his family attended the meeting virtually, but due to technical difficulties, were not able to speak in acceptance of the resolution.

5. RESOLUTION; Congratulating the Stamford Stars 12U Softball Team for their 2025 Babe Ruth League World Series Win

08/11/25 - Submitted by Rep. Williams

APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record.

Coach Bryan Fox and the softball team members appeared in person to accept the resolution.

#### Under a suspension of the Rules (Late Submissions):

A motion to suspend the rules to take up the late submission of Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. RESOLUTION; Honoring Captain Thomas A. Lombardo on his Retirement from the Stamford Police Department and his dedicated service to the City of Stamford 08/28/25 - Submitted by Rep. Boeger

APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson,

Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Rep. Boeger read the resolution into the record.

Capt. Lombardo appeared in person to accept the resolution.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Session opened at 8:54 p.m. and closed at 9:32 p.m.

The following spoke during the public participation session: (1) Kieran Edmondson – remote; (2) Ceil Marie Rizzi-Sciglimpaglia – in person (3) Dolores Gambini – in person; (4) James Sarnelle – in person; (5) Sue Halpern – in person; (6) Gina Calabrese – remote; (7) Mike Papa – remote; (8) Nette Compton – remote; (9) Jeanette Bilicznianski – in person; (10) Steve Garst – remote; (11) Dave Adams – in person.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

Attendance Minutes and Video Meeting: Monday, August 11, 2025 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Video

Denis W. Patterson, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. A31.138 REVIEW; Demographics of Stamford's Board and

Commissions.

09/04/24 - Submitted by Rep. Stella

10/15/24 – Moved to pending

07/30/2025 - No Action Taken

08/27/2025 - No Action Taken

2. <u>A31.207</u> **ORDINANCE** for publication; Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, Authorities, Boards and

APPROVED 28-8-0

Commissions, §6-123. - Duties and responsibilities

(Appointments Commission)

04/09/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Stella

04/29/2025 – Held by Committee

05/28/2025 - Failed by Committee 2-3-1

06/02/2025 - Recommitted to Steering by Unanimous

Voice Vote

06/02/2025 - Recommited to Steering 6-0-0

07/30/2025 – No Action Taken

08/27/2025 - No Action Taken

Chair Patterson stated the reason the Committee did not get to take up Item Nos. 1 & 2 was due to the Teams technical issues that arose during the meeting. He stated that during the brief committee conversation on Item No. 1 it was agreed that more information was needed on the item.

Chair Patterson then made a motion to approve Item No. 2 for publication so a public hearing could be held, which was seconded (multiple), and discussion ensued. During discussion, the following topics, concerns and questions were aired:

- The reason for introducing the item and the brief history of the Appointments Commission
- Reasons why representatives were not in support of the item (legal opinion from Law Department stating it was illegal as the proposed ordinance amendment was against the City Charter, with the example of "all of the pieces alone are okay, but taken together, take away the Mayor's power to appoint to Boards and Commissions")
- Reasons why representatives were in support of the item (the outcry from constituents who are aware of how the Boards & Commissions vacancies are and are crying out for transparency)
- Does the Appointments Commission have an anti-nepotism policy like the City does?
- What if we replaced "shall" with "may" in the ordinance amendment language? (see Sherwood proposed ordinance amendment)
- Discussion regarding the impact of the word "shall" versus "may" on the proposed ordinance amendment and the Appointments Commission

Rep. Sherwood made a motion to amend the draft with her suggested changes, which was seconded. After discussion on the proposed amendment, it was approved by roll call vote 28-6-1 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, and Williams approved; Rep. Blank, Goldberg, Mays, Morson, Pollack and Shaw against; Rep. Adams abstained; Rep. Weinberg left the meeting before the vote).

The original motion to approve Item No. 2 was modified to approve as amended for publication/public hearing. The motion was approved as amended for publication/public hearing by roll call vote 27-8-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Watkins, and Williams approved; Reps. Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Shaw and

Vandervoort against).

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video (Pt. 1) & (Pt. 2)

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

Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2025 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. <u>F31.580</u> \$1,091,150.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); Fire Wage Payout – Contingency \$1,091,150.00 – to appropriate funds per the increased obligations per a recent contract settlement with the Stamford Professional Firefighters Union 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0	
2. <u>F31.581</u> \$500,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); Parking – Vehicle Main \$500,000.00 License Plate Readers for parking enforcement fleet to enhance efficiency of parking operations. 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. <u>F31.583</u> \$3,300,000.00	APPROPRIATION; of Prior Year General Fund Parking Balance FY22/23 of \$3,300,000 to Capital Non-Recurring Fund 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 9-0-1	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. <u>F31.584</u> \$220,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: 001362 Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135010; for design engineering; Fund Source: Bond \$110,000 and State Grant \$110,000 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
5. <u>F31.595</u>	RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$220,000 For The Old Long Ridge Rd Bridge #135010 And Authorizing \$110,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation 08/07/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. <u>F31.585</u> \$150,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: C56174 Citywide Signals; funding for traffic signal upgrades on Broad Street required as a condition of zoning approval for 74 Broad Street.  08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
7. <u>F31.586</u> \$2,500,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP8500 Parking Improvements; Capital repairs in City owned parking garages as identified by facility assessments 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
8. <u>F31.587</u> \$719,123.36	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP8711 Utility Paving; Reimbursement to the City from the Utility Company for their share of the paving costs due to their construction activity for the roads coordinated to be paved full width by the City 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
9. <u>F31.588</u> \$13,642.83	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP9351 Hydrant Replacement; Insurance claims for replacement of 2 Hydrants (equipment only) 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
10. <u>F31.589</u> \$5,000,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP4000068 Cummings Park; \$5M grant awarded for final design and construction; 50% City match required. Includes court renovations, parking lot upgrades, and pavilion/promenade improvements. 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
11. <u>F31.590</u>	GRANTS RESOLUTION; Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Sign Agreements With The Connecticut Department Of Energy And Environmental Protection For Cummings Park And West Beach 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

12. <u>F31.591</u> \$1,303,840.99	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP4000074 Lathon Wider Property Claim; Property insurance reimbursement check to cover the cost of mechanical replacements at the Lathon Wider Center from a water damage claim that occurred in January 2025 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
13. <u>F31.592</u> \$25,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS); GF3000007 - Youth Summer Employment - Annually funded Mayor's office contribution to the Mayor's Youth Employment Program; FY24/25 appropriation funds season employees of the Summer Youth Employment Program 08/06/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
14. <u>F31.593</u> \$25,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS); GF3000007 - Youth Summer Employment - Annually funded Mayor's office contribution to the Mayor's Youth Employment Program; FY25/26 appropriation funds season employees of the Summer Youth Employment Program 08/06/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 - Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
15. <u>F31.594</u>	APPROVAL; of an Agreement with IGM Technology Corp for the City's budgeting and capital planning software (RFP No. 2025.0244) 08/05/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/25/2025 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Co-Chair Fedeli moved Item Nos. 2 through 15 onto the consent agenda, which was seconded. There was no discussion; the consent agenda items were approved via unanimous voice vote.

## LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Phil Berns, Chair Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

**Meeting 1**: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 7:00 p.m. – By webinar -and-

**Meeting 2:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 7:30 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met twice as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. <u>LR31.100</u>	ORDINANCE for publication; Requiring a Citywide Transition to Electric Landscaping Equipment in the City of Stamford 04/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale, de la Cruz, Weinberg and Berns 04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 05/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 06/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-2 08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 1 approved by Committee 6-1-0 08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 2 approved by Committee 6-1-0 08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 3 approved by Committee 7-0-0 08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 4 approved by Committee 6-1-0 08/26/2025 – Proposed amendment 4 approved by Committee 6-1-0 08/26/2025 – Approved as amended for public hearing by Committee 5-1-0	APPROVED 28-6-0
2. <u>LR31.104</u>	ORDINANCE for publication; amending §111-6 Dogs (C-1) Control of dangerous/vicious dogs of the Code of Ordinances 07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams 07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 08/26/2025 – Approved for public hearing by Committee 5-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. <u>LR31.106</u>	ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 227 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances to Establish a Comprehensive Tree Preservation and Urban Forestry Program  08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, de la Cruz and Strain  08/27/2025 – Proposed amendment approved by Committee 6-0-2  08/27/2025 – Approved as amended for public hearing by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. <u>LR31.107</u>	ORDINANCE; for Discussion requiring Net Zero Construction for all new buildings and major commercial renovations, in alignment with the Board of Representatives Climate Emergency Resolution #4130, Mayor's Executive Order EO 005 230417 Climate, Public Act 21-29, and House Bill 5004, which targets	

statewide net-zero emissions by 2050. 08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Strain 08/27/2025 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0

A motion to approve Item Nos. 2 and 3 for publication/public hearing was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams).

A motion to approve Item No. 1 for publication/public hearing was made, seconded, and discussion ensued. During the discussion, Rep. Matheny proposed an <u>amendment</u> and discussion of the amendment ensued; some representatives were for amending the item on the floor while others expressed support of the idea of leaving the proposed amendment as it currently is until after the public hearing to gather feedback from the public to better direct any possible amendments.

The proposed amendment failed by roll call vote of 13-18-3 (Reps. Adams, Curtis, Figueroa, Goldberg, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Stella, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins approved; Reps. Berns, Blank, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Kuczynski, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, and Vandervoort against; Reps. Campbell, Graham and Williams abstained; Rep. Ley did not vote).

The original motion to approve for publication/public hearing was approved by roll call vote of 28-6-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Watkins and Williams approved; Reps. Goldberg, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Tomas, and Walston were against; Rep. Figueroa left the meeting prior to the vote).

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Mary Fedeli, Chair Bobby Pavia, Vice-Chair Meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025 7:00 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. P31.072	APPROVAL; of a Clerk of the works II Agreement with David Haight 07/07/2025 – Submitted by Rosemarie Frager 07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
2. P31.073	<b>APPROVAL</b> ; of a Clerk of the Works II Agreement with Frank Cannella, Jr. 07/07/2025 – Submitted by Rosemarie Frager 07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### 08/18/2025 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0

3. P31.074	APPROVAL; of a Clerk of the Works II Agreement with Adnane Tourabi 07/07/2025 – Submitted by Rosemarie Frager 07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. P31.075	APPROVAL; of a Clerk of the Works II Agreement with Anna Kuchel Rabinowitz 07/07/2025 – Submitted by Rosemarie Frager 07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
5. P31.076	REJECTION; Fire Local 786 Labor Settlement 2024 07/31/2025 – Submitted by Paula Russell 08/13/2025 – Negative Advisory Opinion issued by Board of Finance 6-0-0 08/18/2025 – Failed by Committee 0-6-0	FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Rep. Strain abstained)
6. P31.077	APPROVAL; of an Employment Contract – CIO Prasant Tangirala 07/15/2025 – Submitted by Paula Russell 08/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 08/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fedeli moved Item Nos. 1 through 4 and 6 onto the consent agenda, which was seconded. There was no discussion; the consent agenda items were approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

A motion to reject Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and failed by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved; Rep. Strain abstained).

# LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes
Video (Pt. 1) & (Pt. 2)

Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 **6:00 p.m.** – Legislative Chambers and by webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. LU31.055 PUBLIC HEARING and REVIEW; 2035

Comprehensive Plan 06/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Tomas

06/18/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 08/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

2. <u>LU31.056</u> **RESOLUTION**; Urging the City, The Planning Board and The Land Use Bureau to Change The Draft Master Plan Before Passage

07/29/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 08/20/25 – Motion to Amend Approved 8-0-0 08/20/25 – Approved as Amended by Committee 8-0-0 23-1-7 (Reps. Adams, Blank, Gilbride, Ley, Mays, Pierre-Louis & Shaw abstained)

**APPROVED** 

3. <u>LU31.043</u> **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

09/18/24 - Held by Committee

10/24/24 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0

11/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

12/09/24 - Held at Steering

01/22/25 - Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0

02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0

03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

04/23/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

08/20/25 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

4. <u>LU31.057</u> **RESOLUTION**; To relocate the Lines and Signs factory out of Courtland Park given that the purposes of public parks are totally incompatible with factory operations, and associated contamination risks.

08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Berns, Figueroa, Graham, Matheny, Sherwood, Stella, Strain and Walston

08/20/25 - Motion to Amend Approved 8-0-0

08/20/25 - Approved as Amended by Committee 8-

0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Co-Chair Tomas moved Item Nos. 2 and 4 onto the consent agenda. Rep. Goldberg objected to Item No. 2 being placed on the consent agenda, and Co-Chair Tomas amended his motion for the consent agenda to only be to move Item No. 4, which was seconded. There was no discussion; the consent agenda item was approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved; Rep. Berns left the meeting prior to the vote).

Co-Chair Tomas moved Item No. 2 for approval; it was seconded, and discussion ensued. The idea that this resolution is no longer needed now that the Mayor has sent a letter to the Planning Board instructing them to revise the draft Stamford 2035 Comprehensive/Master Plan was discussed, and the item was approved via roll call vote of 23-1-7 (Reps. Boeger, Campbell,

Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Williams approved; Rep. Goldberg against; Reps. Adams, Blank, Gilbride, Ley, Mays, Pierre-Louis and Shaw abstained; Reps. Vandervoort and Watkins stepped out of the meeting and did not vote).

#### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Attendance & Votes Video

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair Carmine Tomas, Vice-Chair Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. O31.077 ORDINANCE for <u>public hearing and final adoption</u>; amending Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances concerning lighting and the enforcement of exterior lighting standards

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

06/26/2025 – Submitted by Dir. Quinones 07/24/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 08/04/2025 – Approved for Public Hearing via unanimous voice vote

08/21/2025 – Accepted as amended by Committee 8-0-0

 O31.079 RESOLUTION; Concerning Building Permit Fees and Certificate of Occupancy Fees for Affordable Housing Units (Originated from O31.075) made into own item at committee meeting

07/24/25 – Submitted via Motion to Bifurcate O31.075 as Amended by Reps. Ley and Boeger 07/24/25 – Failed by Committee 4-5-0 08/04/25 – Recommitted to Steering by roll call vote 29-1-0

08/21/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

3. O31.081 RESOLUTION; Concerning Building Permit Fees and Certificate of Occupancy Fees Reduction for Not for Profit Organizations

08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Ley, Blank, Camporeale, Gilbride, Goldberg, Morson, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, and Weinberg

08/21/2025 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

4. O31.082

APPROVAL; of an Agreement with Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC (QAM) for the design of the Yerwood Center renovation project [QAM-Stamford AIA Contract for Arch-Eng Design of Yerwood Center (RFP No.

2025.0328)]

08/01/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **08/21/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0** 

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA 5. O31.049 **REVIEW**; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair

Unaccepted Roads.

03/06/24 - Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis

03/11/24 - Held at Steering

04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

06/17-24 - No Action Taken

07/15/24 – Held at Steering

08/12/24 – Held at Steering

02/20/25 - Held by Committee 8-0-0

03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

04/24/25 - No Action Taken

05/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

07/24/25 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

08/21/2025 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

6. O31.078 **REVIEW**; Flooding issues in Springdale and the

surrounding neighborhoods.

06/16/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale

07/24/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

08/21/2025 - Held

7. O31.069 **REVIEW**; status and update on the South End

Community Center Repairs.

03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham

03/20/25 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

04/24/25 - No Action Taken

05/22/25 - No Action Taken

06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

08/21/2025 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

8. O31.080 APPROVAL; of an Agreement with Grillo Services LLC

for Hauling and Disposal of

Logs, Brush and Yard Waste.

08/05/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons

08/21/2025 - Held

Chair de la Cruz moved Item Nos. 1 and 4 onto the consent agenda, which was seconded. There was no discussion; the consent agenda items were approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

# PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes Video

Jeffrey Stella, Chair Eric Morson, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:30 p.m. - By webinar

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. PS31.067 REVIEW; of City and School System Policies,

Protocols, and Procedures Requiring Public Notification

of Incidents.

05/12/25 - Submitted by Rep. Stella

05/29/25 - Held

07/31/25 - Meeting Cancelled

08/28/25 - Report Made

2. PS31.068 REVIEW; of City Policies, Protocols, and Procedures

That Require Notification to Designated Officials—But

Not the Public—Following Certain Incidents.

05/12/25 - Submitted by Rep. Stella

05/29/25 - Held

07/31/25 - Meeting Cancelled

08/28/25 - Report Made

3. <u>PS31.002</u> REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality

Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution 4081. (Previously

PS30.092)

12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Berns,

Stella and Strain

12/13/21 – Moved to Pending

03/01/23 - Report Made

03/06/23 - Recommitted to Steering at Board Meeting

by Unanimous Voice Vote

03/13/23 - Moved to Pending

04/20/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0

05/18/22 - No Action Taken

06/13/22 - Moved to Pending

05/18/23 - Report Made

06/05/23 - Recommitted to Steering by Full Board

06/12/23 – Moved to Pending

08/24/28 - No Action Taken

09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering,

6-0-1

10/26/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering

5-0-0

11/13/23 – Moved to Pending

10/30/24 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

11/12/24 - Moved to Pending

01/30/25 - No Action Taken

02/19/25 - Held by Committee 6-0-0

05/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0

07/31/25 – Meeting Cancelled 08/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes
Video

Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel Sandford, Vice-Chair Meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025

**APPROVED ON** 

THE CONSENT

**AGENDA** 

6:30 p.m. – By webinar

Chair Matheny was not available to give the committee report; Rep. Gilbride gave the Parks & Recreation committee report.

1. PR31.045 APPROVAL; of a fully executed Agreement with

Grucci, Inc for the City's firework displays for this year

and optional years 2026-2029

06/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

07/28/2025 - Meeting Cancelled

08/18/2025 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0

2. PR31.047 **REVIEW**; Regulation 175-1-23, clarification of

"unreasonable noise" requested by the Parks and

**Recreation Commission** 

07/10/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Matheny

07/28/2025 - Meeting Cancelled

08/18/2025 - Report Made

3. PR31.044 REVIEW; Ordinance for Discussion, Regulating The

Use Of Existing Artificial Turf Fields And Banning

Future Installation Of Such Fields.

06/04/2025 - Submitted by Reps de la Cruz,

Camporeale, Berns, Walston, Figueroa, Campbell,

Saftic, Strain, Adams and Curtis

06/23/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 4-2-0

07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

08/18/2025 - Held

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and there was no discussion; the consent agenda item was approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Megan Cottrell, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice-Chair

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

# HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

**Meeting 1**: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 6:30 p.m. – By webinar

6:30 p.m. – By webinar **-and-**

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Meeting 2: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:30 p.m. - By webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met twice as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. HCD31.079 **PRESENTATION**; Presentation from the Mayor's Office

for CDBG Program Year 51

07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch 07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

08/26/2025 - Report Made

2. HCD31.080 **REVIEW/FINALIZE**; the results from the evaluation

forms for final recommendations for CDBG Program

Year 51

07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch 07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

08/26/2025 - Report Made

3. HCD31.081 **APPROVAL**; CDBG Program Year 51 (2025-2026)

Awards/Annual Action Plan

07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch 07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

08/26/2025 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

4. HCD31.083 **REVIEW**; Increasing the percentage of the Annual

Linkage Fees that are earmarked for deposit into the

SAHTF

07/09/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Roqueta

07/29/2025 - Meeting Cancelled

08/19/2025 - Report Made

5. HCD31.084 **REJECTION**; of an Allocation of \$2,000,000.00 to

Charter Oak Communities to facilitate the

Redevelopment of 43 Units of Affordable Housing at

Oak Park Phase II

07/31/2025 – Submitted by Ralph Blessing **08/19/2025 – Failed by Committee 0-6-0** 

6. HCD31.085 **REJECTION**; of an Allocation of \$750,000.00 to Pacific

House, Inc. to Facilitate the Development of 15 units of Affordable Housing at 66 Stillwater Avenue

07/31/2025 - Submitted by Ralph Blessing

FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**FAILED BY** 

**UNANIMOUS** 

**VOICE VOTE** 

#### 08/19/2025 - Failed by Committee 0-6-0

7. HCD31.086 **REJECTION**; of an Allocation of \$300,000.00 to Pacific House, Inc to Continue the Rehabilitation of 19 units of Affordable Housing at Fairfield Commons 07/31/2025 - Submitted by Ralph Blessing 08/19/2025 - Failed by Committee 0-6-0

**FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE** 

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and there was no discussion; the consent agenda items were approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham. Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

A motion to reject Item Nos. 5, 6 and 7 was made, seconded, and there was no discussion; the items were rejected/failed via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

David Watkins, Chair Terry Adams, Vice-Chair Meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:00 p.m. - By webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

1. T31.046

**REVIEW**; Vision Zero: Work done so far, 2024 and 2025 crash report, speed safety cameras, and other work being done to improve roadway safety 07/08/2025 - Submitted by F. Petise 07/22/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 08/19/2025 - Report Made

2. T31.050

**RESOLUTION**; Authorizing the Stamford Traffic Authority to Establish Pedestrian Safety Zones Pursuant to Public Act 21-28 07/30/2025 – Submitted by Luke Buttenwieser 08/19/2025 - Approved by Committee 5-0-0

APPROVED ON **CONSENT** (Rep. Sherwood abstained)

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and there was no discussion; the consent agenda items were approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Lev. Matheny, Mays. Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack.

Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams approved).

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair Ashley Ley, Vice-Chair

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

### **MINUTES**

1. **APPROVAL**; August 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED ON CONSENT (Rep. Sherwood abstained)

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved via unanimous voice vote. President Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 12:07 a.m.

This meeting is on video (<u>Part 1</u>), (<u>Part 2</u>) and (<u>Part 3</u>). (\*Due to technical difficulties, there is no video available for approximately 15 minutes towards the beginning of the meeting.)