



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Michael McKeown, Chair

Karen Camporeale, Vice-Chair

Committee Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 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, Lapine, Stone, and Weinberg. Also present were ex-officio Reps. Adams, Pelliccia, Shaw, and Walston; city staff members Mike Toma, Assistant Corporation Counsel and David Villalva, Risk Manager, as well as members of the public.

Chair McKeown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. LR32.004	<p>ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Section 214-32 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the City to accept a private road by only requiring a petition signed by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the owners. 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Weinberg 12/23/2025 – Recommitted by Committee 9-0-0 01/05/2026 – Recommitted to Steering via unanimous voice vote 01/27/2026 – Public hearing approved by Committee 9-0-0 02/24/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</p>	<p>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 9-0-0</p>
<p>Chair McKeown read the item and opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:00 pm. The committee received testimony from Kathleen Payea, Adam Mann, Chirstine Johnson-Procopis, and Dave Adams. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.</p> <p>After the public hearing session closed, there was brief discussion. The item was moved, seconded, and the motion to approve passed via unanimous voice vote 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg approved).</p>		
2. LR32.012	<p>APPROVAL; of Proposed Prototype Form Lease for Use of Space at the Lathon Wider Community Center. 01/21/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/12/2026 – Motion to approve at Board of Finance failed to get a second 02/17/2026 – Item withdrawn by administration 02/24/2026 – No action taken by Committee</p>	<p>WITHDRAWN</p>

Chair McKeown read the item and explained that it was withdrawn by the administration because it was not proper to take action on this item per the procedure set forth with the Charter as the Board of Finance has elected not to approve the item.

The committee took no action on the withdrawn item.

3. LR32.013	<p>APPROVAL; of an agreement with CorVel Enterprise Claims, Inc. for Liability Claims Administration. 01/21/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/12/2026 – Approved at Board of Finance 6-0-0 02/24/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</p>	<p>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 9-0-0</p>
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Chair McKeown read the item and invited Mr. Villalva to present on it. After the presentation, there was brief discussion.

The item was moved, seconded, and the motion to approve passed via unanimous voice vote 9-0-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve).

4. LR32.015	<p>APPROVAL; of an Amendment to the Board Rules of Order re: Personal Attacks (formerly part of LR32.010). 02/02/2026 – Submitted by Rep. McKeown 02/02/2026 – Motion to divide the Question approved via voice vote 35-0-1 02/02/2026 – Question 1 (approve document except subsection F) approved via voice vote 35-0-1 02/02/2026 – Question 2 (section 10d) recommitted to Steering via roll call vote 34-2-0 02/24/2026 – Proposed Amendment to replace entire language with "Personal attacks, insults, or abusive language directed at individuals, rather than at ideas or actions that are disruptive to the conduct and business of the Board shall not be in order. This rule shall not prohibit criticism of policies, decisions, or official actions." Approved by Committee 7-2-0 02/24/2026 –Proposed further amendment to include "whether or not the speaker identifies the target of such comments, by name or otherwise," in between "individuals" and "rather" failed by Committee 4-4-1 02/24/2026 –Motion to Approve (as amended) Failed by Committee 2-7-0</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED FAILED 2-7-0</p>
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Chair McKeown read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and the floor opened to the committee members to discuss the item. During the discussion, a series of proposed amendments were made.

An amendment to Section 10 (d) was proposed to replace the entirety of the language with “Personal attacks, insults, or abusive language directed at individuals, rather than at ideas or actions that are disruptive to the conduct and business of the Board shall not be in order. This rule shall not prohibit criticism of policies, decisions, or official actions” was moved by Rep. Weinberg, seconded, and discussed.

A secondary proposed amendment to insert “whether or not the speaker identifies the target of such comments, by name or otherwise” in between “individuals” and “rather” in the primary proposed amendment was made, seconded, and discussed. During discussion, Rep. Walston stated a point of order and asserted that Rep. Weinberg’s comments regarding his motivations to move the secondary proposed amendment were not germane. The Chair ruled that comments related to motivations in making a proposed amendment were germane. Rep. Walston appealed the decision of the Chair, which decision was sustained via a roll call vote of 7-1-1 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Lapine and Stone voted in favor of sustaining; Rep. Hyatt voted to overturn; Rep. Weinberg abstained). Discussion finished, and the secondary proposed amendment failed via a roll call vote of 4-4-1 (Chair McKeown and Reps. Boudreau, Stone, and Weinberg approved; Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Hughes, Hyatt, and Lapine voted against; Rep. Blank abstained).

Discussion of the initial proposed amendment was resumed until a motion to move the question was made by Rep. Lapine, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 4-5-0 (Reps. Blank, Hughes, Lapine and Stone voted to move the question; Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Reps. Boudreau, Hyatt, and Weinberg voted against).

When discussion of the initial proposed amendment concluded, the amendment was approved via roll call vote of 7-2-0 (Chair McKeown, Vice Chair Camporeale, and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Lapine, Stone and Weinberg voted to approve; Reps. Hughes and Hyatt voted against).

LR32.015 was called for a roll call vote to approve as amended and failed 2-7-0 (Chair McKeown and Rep. Weinberg voted to approve; Vice Chair Camporeale and Reps. Blank, Boudreau, Hughes, Hyatt, Lapine and Stone voted against).

Chair McKeown called for a motion to adjourn and adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McKeown, Chair

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