



State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Ashley Ley, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Ley and Committee Member Rep. Blank. Excused or absent were Chair Pierre-Louis and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Sandford, Vandervoort, and Walston. Also present were Reps. Adams and Camporeale; Polly O'Brien Morrow, Stamford Pride Board President; Liam K. Lynch, Stamford Pride Board Member; and members of the public.

Vice Chair Ley called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. SC31.022	REVIEW; of Resolution to Ban the Use of Toxic Biosolids as Fertilizer. 03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams 03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 04/14/25 – Moved to Pending	No Action Taken

Vice Chair Ley stated that Item #1 is going to be brought back to Steering. The Committee will coordinate offline to make sure the proper City staff is lined up for the next meeting, and will also coordinate questions in advance so that the staff can come to the meeting prepared.

2. SC31.023	RESOLUTION; Affirming the City of Stamford's Commitment to Protecting and Honoring Transgender and Non-Binary Individuals 04/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale and Blank 04/14/25 – Moved to Pending	No Action Taken
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Rep. Camporeale reviewed the reasons why this item was put on the agenda. She stated that transgender and non-binary individuals have been targeted disproportionately especially during the two Trump presidency's. She listed several items including a ban on transgendered people in the military, not allowing transgendered people to use a

bathroom of their gender identity, access to medical care, access to housing, transgender rights in sports, and other issues involving gender identity protections. She, along with the community, are offended by the rhetoric of President Trump and would like to do something to honor and protect these individuals in Stamford.

Liam Lynch and Polly O'Brien Morrow spoke on the item. They agreed this is a great resolution, and protections are needed for transgender and non-binary individuals. They asked if two things could be added to the resolution:

- 1) Include mention of transgender inclusion in sports in No. 6
- 2) Change "LGBTQ" to "LGBTQIA+"

Rep. Camporeale said she did not intentionally omit mention of transgender athletes in sports. She agreed to make the two suggested amendments.

There was discussion on getting this resolution passed at the June 2nd full Board meeting because June is Pride month. Since there was no quorum for tonight's Committee meeting, it would have to be taken up for a vote on the floor at the full Board Meeting on June 2nd.

Although no action could formally be taken, Vice Chair Ley and Rep. Blank voted in favor of making the two suggested amendments.

Vice Chair Ley adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Ley, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).