

The Steering Committee of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford met on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.

MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance were President Curtis and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Watkins. Excused was Rep Fedeli. Also present were Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Mays, and Tomas.

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., and will be held remotely at _____.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING AGENDA

INVOCATION: To be delivered by Edward Pleasant [1st District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: To be led by President Curtis.

ROLL CALL: To be conducted by Clerk Cottrell.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable; meeting to be held remotely.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

COMMUNICATIONS:

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | RESOLUTION ; In Recognition of Two Awards Received by the Stamford High School Athletics Program for Excellence in Sportsmanship. 01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Di Costanzo and Cottrell | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
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A motion to place Item No. 1 on the February Agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:	Meeting: Monday, January 10, 2022 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar
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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:	Annie Summerville, Chair Denis Patterson, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar
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1. A31.011	Director of Administration Sandra Dennies Reappointment Stamford CT 06905 Term Expires: 11/30/25 12/08/21-Submitted by Mayor Simmons 12/13/21 – Held at Steering	PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA
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2. A31.015	Director of Economic Development Loren Nadres Repl. Madden Term Expires: 11/30/2025 12/08/21 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 12/29/21 – No Action Taken	PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA
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| 3. A31.003 | Fire Commission
Connie Hubbard (D) Reappointment
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 11/30/25
12/08/21-Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/29/21 – No Action Taken | PLACE ON THE
 FEBRUARY
 AGENDA |
| 4. A31.016 | Fire Commission
Rev. Winton Hill (D) Repl. Melzer (D)
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 11/30/25
01/05/22-Submitted by Mayor Simmons | PLACE ON THE
 FEBRUARY
 AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 through 4 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair
Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair
 Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2022
 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. F31.003
\$350,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Director of Law; Unanticipated Expenses Incurred After the FY 21/22 Budget was Adopted.
12/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/10/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
12/27/21 – Held by Committee 11-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
 FEBRUARY
 AGENDA |
| 2. F31.018 | RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection for a State Homeland Security Grant Program.
12/13/21 – Submitted by A. Carpenter | PLACE ON THE
 FEBRUARY
 AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 and 2 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES
COMMITTEE:**

Phil Berns, Co-Chair
Susan Nabel, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. [LR31.002](#) RESOLUTION; Approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Stamford and Domus Kids, Inc. for 83 Lockwood Avenue, Stamford, CT.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/14/21 – Approved by Planning Board
11/10/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-0
12/28/21 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 6-2-1
01/03/22 – Held by Full Board **PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA**

2. [LR31.014](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Code of Ordinances §220-8, Senior Citizens Tax Abatement.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/13/22 - to be Considered by Board of Finance **PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA**

3. [LR31.006](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section II.B.1 to Remove Reference to Postage Allowance.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 6-3-0 **PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA**

4. [LR31.008](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section IV.E.3.iii. to Permit a Member of the Public to Speak on a Topic which was the Subject of a Prior Public Hearing if they did not Speak at the Public Hearing.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 8-1-0 **PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA**

5. [LR31.009](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section III B: Steering Committee, to Require Draft Ordinances to be Submitted in Writing Through the Board Office to the Legal Department for Review/Editing prior to Submission to the Steering Committee.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. Miller and Nabel
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 **PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA**

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| 6. LR31.010 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section III B: Steering Committee to Require Members who wish to Add Their Names as Sponsor of an Item to do so Within 48 Hours of the Item Being Placed on the Steering Agenda.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. Miller and Nabel
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 7. LR31.011 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section V: Rules of Procedure to require all Ordinances and Resolutions Considered and Approved by the Board of Representatives to use Only Non-Gendered Language (based on Res. No. 3900).
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. Miller and Nabel
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 8. LR31.012 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section V: Rules of Procedure to require Representatives participating by computer during a virtual meeting to be visible on screen during any voting procedure and when speaking on an item at either Committee or full Board meetings, with an exemption for Representatives participating by telephone.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. Miller and Nabel
12/28/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA (Rep.
Figueroa abstaining) |
| 9. LR31.013 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Permanently Permit the Option of Remote Meetings of the Board of Representatives and Committees Thereof.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Jacobson and Nabel | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 through 8 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

A motion to place Item No. 9 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 17-1-0. (Reps. Curtis, Berns, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Matheny, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Watkins in favor; Rep. Miller opposed).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

**Anabel Figueroa, Chair
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**

LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

**Bradley Bewkes, Chair
Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. LU31.001 | REVIEW <u>and Public Hearing</u> ; Music and Noise Echoing through South End and District 1 Coming From The Village and Other Developments in the South End.
11/01/21 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes and Stella
12/22/21 – Held by Committee 11-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. LU31.003 | REVIEW; Process for Appealing Amendments to C-D Designed Commercial District of the Zoning Regulations.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood and Stella | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. LU31.004 | RESOLUTION; Requesting Referral to the Board of Representatives of the Petition to Appeal Amendment to the Zoning Regulations under Zoning Board Approval No. 221-20
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood and Stella | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 4. LU31.005 | VERIFICATION; Petition to Appeal Zoning Board Approval No. 221-20
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood and Stella | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 5. LU31.006 | REJECTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Appeal of Amendment to the Zoning Regulations under Zoning Board Approval No. 221-20
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood and Stella | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 6. LU31.007 | REVIEW; Petition and Appeal for Application of Amendment to the Zoning Regulations under Zoning Board Approval No. 221-20.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood and Stella | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to change Item no. 1 to Review and Public Hearing was made, seconded, and

approved by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion to place Item No. 1 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

A motion to move items 4 and 5 to the Pending Agenda was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 6-11-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Curtis, Berns, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, and Stella opposed; Rep. Summerville abstaining).

A motion to place Item Nos. 2 through 6 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by vote of 12-6-0. (Reps. Curtis, Berns, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Matheny, Moore, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, and Stella in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Summerville and Watkins opposed).

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, January 31, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. O31.001 | REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short and Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe Storm and Rain Events as expressed in Resolution 4113 .
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
12/20/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. O31.002 | RESOLUTION; Sense of the Board Regarding Replacement of West Main Street Bridge. (Previously O30.102)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Nabel
12/20/21 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-1
01/03/22 – Recommitted by Full Board | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. O31.003 | REVIEW; WPCA Significant Improvements Being Completed, and Plans, if any, to Address Climate Change Effects such as Sea Level Rise, Storm Surges, and Intense Rain Events.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Goldberg | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 through 3 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. PS31.005 | RESOLUTION; Correcting a Scrivener's Error in Section 179-38 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Mobile Street Vendors.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Director Dennies | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. PS31.003 | RESOLUTION; Declaring a Climate Emergency.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell | HELD |
| 3. PS31.004 | REVIEW; City of Stamford Practices Regarding Environmental Testing Prior to Beginning Construction Projects and Disposal of Contaminated Matter Prior to and During Construction Projects and by Private Contractors, including Rock Crushing Activities in the South End, Relative to the Requirements of the EPB and CT DEEP.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Coleman, Stella, Pratt, De la Cruz, Adams, Curtis, and Figueroa | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 and 3 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

As a Late Submission:

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| 4. PS31.004 | REVIEW; CERT.
01/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
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**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Megan Cottrell, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. E31.001 | REVIEW; Long-Term Facilities Plan (Including Work on the Report Done by SLAM).
01/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. E31.002 | REVIEW; Ongoing Improvements and Procedures Regarding Building Maintenance.
01/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. E31.003 | REVIEW: Process Taken by Stamford High School Athletics to Create a Culture of Recognized Excellence in Sportsmanship.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Di Costanzo and Cottrell | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 and 3 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022

6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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Tuesday, February 1, 2022

6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. HCD31.002 | PUBLIC HEARING; of the Year 48 CDBG Proposals (Year 22/23) (01/25/22)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Emily Gordon | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. HCD31.003 | WORKSHOP; Subcommittee Review of the Year 48 CDBG Proposals (Year 22/23) (02/01/22)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Emily Gordon | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. HCD31.004 | REVIEW; Future of Scofield Manor (including discussion re LR30.115). (02/01/22)
01/02/22 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Moore and Roqueta | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA AS
ITEM NO. 2 (Rep.
Di Costanzo
abstaining) |

A motion to place Item No. 1 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to make the Legislative & Rules Committee secondary on Item No. HCD31.004 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to place Item Nos. 2 and 3 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. T31.003 | ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Prohibiting certain Classes and Characteristics of Commercial Vehicles from Parking on Residential Streets During Certain Hours.
01/04/22 – Submitted by Frank Petise and Rep. Adams | MOVE TO THE PENDING AGENDA |
| 2. T31.002 | REVIEW; Parking of Passenger Cars on Residential Streets by Commercial Enterprises and Their Customers and Employees.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins and Sherwood | PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA |
| 3. T31.004 | REVIEW; Increasing the Transportation System in the West Side by Adding Buses or Trolleys.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella | PLACE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA FOR THE STATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE |

A motion to place Item No. 2 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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| 1. SC31.001 | REVIEW; City of Stamford's Legislative Priorities.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Miller
12/29/21 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | MOVE TO THE PENDING AGENDA |
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| 2. | SC31.002 | REVIEW; Council of Governments Review.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Miller
12/29/21 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. | SC31.003 | REVIEW; Overview of Stamford's Economic
Development.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Miller
12/29/21 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | MOVE TO THE
PENDING
AGENDA |
| 4. | SC31.004 | REVIEW; Review of Opportunity Zones.
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Miller
12/29/21 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | MOVE TO THE
PENDING
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item No. 2 and Item No. T31.004 from the Transportation Committee on the February agenda was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: **Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair**
 Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair
 Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022
 8:30 a.m. – by Webinar
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 Wednesday, January 12, 2022
 5:15 p.m. – by Webinar
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 Wednesday, February 2, 2022
 7 p.m. – by Webinar

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| 1. | CR31.002 | REVIEW; Interviews with Applicants for the 19th
Charter Revision Commission. (1/12/22)
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 2. | CR31.003 | RESOLUTION; Initiating Charter Revision. (2/2/22)
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 3. | CR31.004 | RESOLUTION; Naming the Members of the 19th
Charter Revision Commission. (2/2/22)
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |
| 4. | CR31.005 | RESOLUTION; Concerning the Charge of the 19th
Charter Revision Commission. (2/2/22)
01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes | PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA |

A motion to place Item Nos. 1 through 4 on the February agenda was made, seconded, and

approved by unanimous voice vote.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

**Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair
Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair**

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL; January 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**PLACE ON THE
FEBRUARY
AGENDA**

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)

PENDING AGENDA

[To be reviewed during January, April, July, and October Steering Committee meetings]

Fiscal Committee

1. [F31.009](#)
\$361,028.49 REJECTION; Capital Project Partial Closeout Recommendation; Project No. CP8700 Lione Park Capital Upgrade \$361,028.49.
12/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
11/10/21 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
___/___/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending **REMAIN ON THE PENDING AGENDA**

2. [F31.008](#)
\$150,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C56139; Playground Rehabilitation; Courtland Playground Construction (Funds from Partial Closeout of CP8700).
12/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
11/10/21 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
___/___/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending **REMAIN ON THE PENDING AGENDA**

3. [F31.010](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by Adding an Appropriation Of \$150,000 for the Playground Rehabilitation Project and Authorizing \$150,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation
12/03/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/10/21 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
___/___/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending **REMAIN ON THE PENDING AGENDA**

Legislative & Rules:

1. LR31.003 ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances, Code of Ethics, to Use an External Arbitrator or Judge Referee rather than an Investigating Committee to Determine Probable Cause.(Previously COE 30.006)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Sherwood
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending **REMAIN ON THE PENDING AGENDA**

Public Safety & Health Committee

1. PS31.002 REVIEW: Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in [Resolution 4081](#). (Previously PS30.092)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending **REMAIN ON THE PENDING AGENDA**