

Minutes of December 1, 1961
ORGANIZATION MEETING
7TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Stamford, Connecticut

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In compliance with Section 304.5 of the Charter, an Organization Meeting of the Seventh Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Friday, December 1, 1961 in the Cafeteria of Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by Mayor J. Walter Kennedy.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Daniel J. Foley, St. Leo's Church, Roxbury.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The Mayor led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Recording Secretary. There were 39 present and 1 absent at the calling of the roll. Mr. Macri arrived shortly afterward, changing the roll call to all members present.

MAYOR KENNEDY asked for those members who were not previously sworn in at the inaugural ceremonies, to stand and receive the oath of office. He then administered the oath of office to the following members of the Board: Patsy Arruzza, Daniel Baker, Fred Blois, George Connors, Edward Dombroski, Anthony Esposito, Bernard Geronimo, Stephen Kelly, Paul Kuczo, Michael Macri, Raymond Mazza, Richmond Mead, James Mulreed, William Murphy, Gerald Rybnick and Vincent Vitti.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TELLERS:

The Mayor appointed two Temporary Tellers - ALLEN J. SHANEN (D), and SAMUEL D. CUSHING (R).

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:

MAYOR KENNEDY called for nominations for Temporary Chairman.

MR. BLOIS placed the name of BERNARD B. GERONIMO (D), in nomination for Temporary Chairman.

MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED that the nominations be closed. Seconded and CARRIED.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed, and Mr. Geronimo was declared the Temporary Chairman and assumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK:

MR. GERONIMO called for nominations for Temporary Clerk.

MR. NOLAN placed the name of ELEANOR R. AUSTIN (D) in nomination for Temporary Clerk.

MR. VITTI MOVED the nominations be closed. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. AUSTIN, Temporary Clerk, assumed her duties.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER:

MR. NOLAN MOVED for approval of an amendment to the Rules of Order (used by the previous Board) by amending the section entitled "VOTING", paragraph No. 4, that

the voting shall be by roll call vote instead of by secret written ballot.
Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO AMEND that hereinafter all voting shall be by roll call vote in organization meetings only. (in connection with election of officers of the Board)
Seconded.

MR. NOLAN and MR. BAKER accepted the amendment.

MR. SCARELLA objected and MOVED TO TABLE the amendment to the rules and that it be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee for consideration. Seconded.

MR. NOLAN objected to this.

MR. SCARELLA said the right of the secret ballot goes back to our forefathers and said he would vote against the motion.

MR. NOLAN said the House of Representatives does not vote by secret ballot and this precedent should be good enough for this Board.

MR. CONNORS asked if the motion only pertained to the Organization Meeting. He was informed that this was the case.

MR. NOLAN said he believed that the secret ballot should be done away with entirely later on.

MR. MULREED MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED, with Mr. Scarella voting in opposition.

MR. NOLAN MOVED for approval ^{of the rules as amended} of the rules as amended. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED, with Mr. Scarella voting in opposition. The following is the amendment to the Rules of Order as adopted:

4. Under "VOTING" amended to read as follows:

In all elections or appointments by the Board and on any questions to approve an appointment to any Board or position submitted by the Mayor, the voting shall be by secret written ballot WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING, WHEN THE VOTING SHALL BE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. Ballots shall be distributed by the tellers and deposited in the teller's ballot box. In the case of an election, each member shall write the name of the candidate for whom he is voting on the ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. If there is a tie, the vote shall be declared "no election", and the Board shall proceed to vote again without requiring renomination. If not more than one candidate be nominated for any position on the Board, the Board may, by majority vote and without balloting, instruct the Clerk or any other member, to cast one ballot for his election. In the case of a question to approve an appointment submitted by the Mayor, each member shall indicate his vote by checking "yes" or "no" on the ballot.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

MR. NOLAN MOVED to place the name of PAUL D. SHAPERO (D) in nomination for President.
(no seconder needed)

MR. JOHNSON MOVED to place the name of RONALD M. SCHWARTZ (R) in nomination for

President. (no seconder needed)

There being no further nominations, MR. VITTI MOVED the nominations be closed.
Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED.

In accordance with the amendment to the Rules, a roll call vote was taken on the election of the President of the Board, as follows:

VOTES IN FAVOR OF PAUL D. SHAPERO

(D) Patsy Arruzza
(D) Eleanor R. Austin
(D) Daniel Baker
(D) Fred C. Blois
(D) George V. Connors
(D) Edward Dombroski
(D) Anthony Esposito
(D) Rose C. Farina
(D) Bernard B. Geronimo
(D) Stephen E. Kelly
(D) Benjamin Kozlowski
(D) Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
(D) Stanley Kulowiec
(D) Carmine V. Longo
(D) Michael D. Macri
(D) Raymond H. Mazza
(D) Franklin Melzer
(D) Robert M. Meyers
(D) James E. Mulreed
(D) William D. Murphy
(D) John R. Nolan
(D) Gerald J. Rybnick
(D) Patrick J. Scarella
(D) Allen J. Shanen
(D) Paul D. Shapero
(D) Anthony D. Truglia
(D) Vincent J. Vitti

VOTES IN FAVOR OF RONALD M. SCHWARTZ

(R) Hilda S. Clarke
(R) Samuel D. Cushing
(R) William G. Hearing
(R) David L. Johnson
(R) Frances Lilliendahl
(R) Jack McLaughlin
(R) Richmond A. Mead, Jr.
(R) Thomas A. Morris
(R) David E. Oppenheimer
(R) George Russell
(R) Ronald M. Schwartz
(R) Michael S. Sherman
(R) William Walsh

There being 27 votes for PAUL D. SHAPERO and 13 votes for RONALD M. SCHWARTZ, Mr. Shapero was declared elected as President of the Board of Representatives and took the Chair. (Applause)

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:

MR. SHAPERO appointed two Tellers and two Alternate Tellers, as follows:

TELLERS

(D) Allen J. Shanen
(R) Samuel D. Cushing

ALTERNATE TELLERS

(D) Carmine V. Longo
(R) William G. Hearing

ELECTION OF CLERK:

The President called for nominations for permanent Clerk of the Board.

MR. MURPHY placed the name of ROSE C. FARINA (D) in nomination as Clerk. (no seconder necessary)

MR. JOHNSON nominated HILDA S. CLARKE (R) for Clerk. (no seconder necessary)

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed.

A roll call VOTE was taken and ROSE C. FARINA (D) was elected Clerk by the following vote; there being 27 votes in favor of Miss Farina and 13 votes in favor of Mrs. Clarke:

VOTES IN FAVOR OF ROSE C. FARINA

(D) Patsy Arruzza
(D) Eleanor R. Austin
(D) Daniel Baker
(D) Fred C. Blois
(D) George V. Connors
(D) Edward Dombroski
(D) Anthony Esposito
(D) Rose C. Farina
(D) Bernard B. Geronimo
(D) Stephen E. Kelly
(D) Benjamin Kozlowski
(D) Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
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(D) Robert M. Meyers
(D) James E. Mulreed
(D) William D. Murphy
(D) John R. Nolan
(D) Gerald J. Rybnick
(D) Patrick J. Scarella
(D) Allen J. Shanen
(D) Paul D. Shapero
(D) Anthony D. Truglia
(D) Vincent J. Vittti

VOTES IN FAVOR OF HILDA S. CLARKE

(R) Hilda S. Clarke
(R) Samuel D. Cushing
(R) William G. Hearing
(R) David L. Johnson
(R) Frances Lilliendahl
(R) Jack McLaughlin
(R) Richmond A. Mead, Jr.
(R) Thomas A. Morris
(R) David E. Oppenheimer
(R) George Russell
(R) Ronald M. Schwartz
(R) Michael S. Sherman
(R) William Walsh

MISS FARINA assumed her duties as Clerk. (Applause)

ELECTION OF DEPUTY ACTING MAYOR:

The President asked for nominations for Deputy Acting Mayor.

MR. NOLAN nominated WILLIAM D. MURPHY (D) for Deputy Acting Mayor. (no seconder needed)

MR. JOHNSON nominated WILLIAM G. HEARING (D) for Deputy Acting Mayor. (no seconder needed)

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed.

A roll call vote was taken and WILLIAM G. MURPHY (D) was elected Deputy Acting Mayor, there being 27 votes in favor of Mr. Murphy and 13 votes in favor of Mr. Hearing. The vote was as follows:

VOTES IN FAVOR OF WILLIAM D. MURPHY

(D) Patsy Arruzza
(D) Eleanor R. Austin
(D) Daniel Baker
(D) Fred C. Blois
(D) George V. Connors
(D) Edward Dombroski
(D) Anthony Esposito
(D) Rose C. Farina
(D) Bernard B. Geronimo
(D) Stephen E. Kelly
(D) Benjamin Kozlowski
(D) Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
(D) Stanley Kulowiec
(D) Carmine V. Longo
(D) Michael D. Macri
(D) Raymond H. Mazza
(D) Franklin Melzer
(D) Robert M. Meyers
(D) James E. Mulreed
(D) William D. Murphy
(D) John R. Nolan
(D) Gerald J. Rybnick
(D) Patrick J. Scarella
(D) Allen J. Shanen
(D) Paul D. Shapero
(D) Anthony D. Truglia
(D) Vincent J. Vitti

VOTES IN FAVOR OF WILLIAM G. HEARING

(R) Hilda S. Clarke
(R) Samuel D. Cushing
(R) William G. Hearing
(R) David L. Johnson
(R) Frances Lilliendahl
(R) Jack McLaughlin
(R) Richmond A. Mead, Jr.
(R) Thomas A. Morris
(R) David E. Oppenheimer
(R) George Russell
(R) Ronald Schwartz
(R) Michael S. Sherman
(R) William Walsh

MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS:

The President announced the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, as appointed by their respective parties:

MAJORITY LEADER: John R. Nolan

MINORITY LEADER: David L. Johnson

PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS AND ALTERNATES:

(Note: In accordance with Sec. 204.3 of Charter, as amended by Special Act No. 281, 1957 Special Session of Legislature)

The President announced the following four appointments as members of the Personnel Board of Appeals and 4 Alternates:

Personnel Board of Appeals:

(The President serves as member and Chairman)

(D) John R. Nolan
(D) Fred C. Blois
(R) Samuel D. Cushing
(R) David E. Oppenheimer

Alternates:

(D) James E. Mulreed
(D) Eleanor R. Austin
(R) George Russell
(R) Hilda S. Clarke

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

MR. NOLAN MOVED for a recess at 8:30 P.M. to appoint the Standing Committees of the Board. Seconded and CARRIED.

The recess was over at 8:55 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

The President announced the following appointments to the Standing Committees of the Board of Representatives. He explained that the first name read would be the Chairman of that Committee:

Steering Committee (15 members)

- (D) Paul D. Shapero, President of Board & Chairman
- (D) John R. Nolan
- (R) David L. Johnson
- (D) Rose C. Farina
- (D) William D. Murphy
- (D) Robert M. Meyers
- (D) Eleanor R. Austin
- (D) Fred C. Blois
- (D) Daniel Baker
- (D) James E. Mulreed
- (D) Allen J. Shanen
- (R) George Russell
- (R) Jack McLaughlin
- (D) Bernard B. Geronimo
- (D) Franklin Melzer

Fiscal Committee (8 members)

- (D) Robert M. Meyers, Chairman
- (D) Bernard B. Geronimo
- (D) Rose C. Farina
- (D) William D. Murphy
- (D) George V. Connors
- (R) Richmond A. Mead, Jr.
- (R) Jack McLaughlin
- (R) George Russell

Appointments Committee (5 members)

- (D) Eleanor R. Austin, Chairman
- (D) Stephen E. Kelly
- (D) Bernard B. Geronimo
- (D) Patsy Arruzza
- (R) Samuel D. Cushing

Health & Protection Committee (5 members)

- (D) Bernard B. Geronimo, Chairman
- (D) Benjamin Kozlowski
- (D) Michael D. Macri
- (D) Patrick J. Scarella
- (R) Thomas A. Morris

Legislative & Rules Committee (6 members)

- (D) Daniel Baker, Chairman
- (R) Ronald M. Schwartz
- (R) Michael S. Sherman
- (D) Robert M. Meyers
- (D) Franklin Melzer
- (D) Raymond H. Mazza

Public Works Committee (7 members)

- (D) Fred C. Blois, Chairman
- (D) Carmine V. Longo
- (D) Anthony Esposito
- (D) Edward Dombroski
- (D) Patsy Arruzza
- (R) William Walsh
- (R) Richmond A. Mead, Jr.

Planning & Zoning Committee (5 members)

- (R) George Russell, Chairman
- (D) Robert M. Meyers
- (D) James E. Mulreed
- (D) Franklin Melzer
- (D) Allen J. Shanen

Parks & Recreation Committee (7 members)

(D) Allen J. Shanen, Chairman
(D) Stanley Kulowiec
(D) Benjamin Kozlowski
(D) Anthony Esposito
(D) Patsy Arruzza
(R) William G. Hearing
(R) Frances Lilliendahl

Personnel Committee (5 members)

(D) James E. Mulreed, Chairman
(D) Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
(D) Gerald J. Rybnick
(D) Anthony D. Truglia
(R) David E. Oppenheimer

Education, Welfare & Government Committee (5 members)

(D) Franklin Melzer, Chairman
(R) Hilda S. Clarke
(D) Anthony D. Truglia
(D) Daniel Baker
(D) Vincent J. Vitti

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

The President announced that he would not appoint any special committees at this time.

Next meeting:

The President announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 1961 in order to allow for referral of business to various Committees.

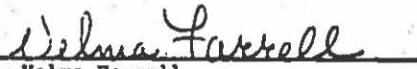
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The President announced that the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Seventh Board would be held at 8:00 P.M. in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Monday, December 4, 1961, so that all business before the Board could be referred to the proper Committee before the December 11th Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:


Paul D. Shapiro, President
Board of Representatives



