

*The Organizational Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.*

# MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Caroline Simmons, per Charter § C3-10-11.
2. **INVOCATION:** By Reverend Winton Hill.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Mayor Caroline Simmons.
4. **ROLL CALL:** By Legislative Officer Valerie Rosenson. There were 38 members present and 2 members absent. Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Pratt, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins present; Reps. Campbell and Ley absent. Reps. Campbell and Ley joined the immediately after roll call, for a total of 40 members present.
5. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Simmons administered the oath of office.
  - a. The Mayor appoints two Temporary Tellers. Mayor Simmons appointed Sean Boeger and Charles Florio as Temporary Tellers.
  - b. The Mayor entertains motions for a Temporary Chairperson. Rep. Nabel moved to appoint Virgil de la Cruz as Temporary Chair; said motion was seconded.
  - c. Vote is held on the election of the Temporary Chairperson. The vote to appoint Virgil de la Cruz as Temporary Chair was approved by unanimous voice vote.
6. **TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON** takes chair.
  - a. Temporary Chairperson entertains motions for a Temporary Clerk. Rep. Curtis moved to appoint Rob Roqueta as Temporary Clerk; said motion was seconded.
  - b. Vote is held on election of Temporary Clerk. The vote to appoint Rob Roqueta as Temporary Clerk was approved by unanimous voice vote.
  - c. Adoption of Rules of Order for the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives ([30th Board Rules](#)). Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Rules of the 30<sup>th</sup>

Board of Representatives were adopted by unanimous voice vote as the Rules of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives

**7. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT** of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives. Rep. Cottrell moved to elect Jeff Curtis as President of the Board and said motion was seconded. Rep. Miller moved to elect Susan Nabel as President of the Board and said motion was seconded.

a. Vote on election of President of the Board. Jeff Curtis was elected as President of the Board by a vote of 21 in favor of Jeff Curtis and 19 in favor of Susan Nabel (Reps. Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, Figueroa, Grunberger, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pratt, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Tomas voted for Curtis; Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Ley, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, and Watkins voted for Nabel).

**8. PRESIDENT** takes chair.

a. President appoints two Tellers and two Alternate Tellers. President Curtis appointed Reps. Matheny and Watkins as permanent Tellers and Reps. Pierre-Louis and Florio as Alternate Tellers

b. President entertains motions for a permanent Clerk of the Board. Rep. Roqueta moved to appoint Megan Cottrell as permanent Clerk of the Board; said motion was seconded.

c. Vote on election of a permanent Clerk. The motion to approve Megan Cottrell as Clerk of the Board was approved by unanimous voice vote.

d. Clerk takes over duties.

e. President announces the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties. President Curtis announced that the Democratic Caucus elected Nina Sherwood as its Majority Leader and the Republican Caucus elected Mary Lisa Fedeli as its Minority Leader.

f. President announces the names of the Deputy Majority and Deputy Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties. President Curtis announced that the Democratic Caucus elected Virgil de la Cruz and Eric Morson as Deputy Majority Leaders. The Republican Caucus elected Bradley Bewkes as its Deputy Minority Leader.

g. President appoints Parliamentarians. President Curtis appointed Sean Boeger and Bradley Bewkes as Parliamentarians

h. President appoints Sergeant at Arms. President Curtis appointed Jeffrey Stella as Sergeant at Arms.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.** The President appoints members to the Standing Committees, naming the chair of each Committee first. The Committees listed below are those of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives.

a. Appointments Committee (9 members) Annie M. Summerville, Chair; Denis W. Patterson, Vice Chair; Bradley Bewkes, Megan Cottrell, Anabel Figueroa, Jeffrey Stella, James Grunberger, Bobby Pavia, and Ramya Shaw.

b. Fiscal Committee (11 members) Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair, Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair, Sean Boeger, Elise Coleman, Mary L. Fedeli, Anabel Figueroa, Charles J. Florio, Eric Morson, Susan Nabel, Fred Pierre-Louis, and Carmine Tomas.

c. Legislative & Rules Committee (9 members) Phil Berns, Co-Chair, Susan Nabel, Co-Chair, Sean Boeger, Megan Cottrell, Charles J. Florio, Jonathan Jacobson, Jennifer Matheny, Lindsey Miller, and Nina Sherwood.

d. Personnel Committee (9 members) Anabel Figueroa, Chair, Mary Lisa Fedeli, Vice-Chair, Terry Adams, Phil Berns, Amiel Goldberg, Francise Jean-Louis, Don Mays, Denis Patterson, and Bobby Pavia.

e. Land Use/URC Committee (11 members) Bradley Bewkes, Chair, Nina Sherwood, Vice-Chair, Terry Adams, Bonnie Kim Campbell, Virgil de la Cruz, Charles J. Florio, James Grunberger, Jennifer Matheny, Don Mays, Annie M. Summerville, Carmine Tomas.

f. Operations Committee (9 members) Virgil de la Cruz, Chair, Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair, Melinda Baxter, Elise Coleman, Ashley Ley, Nina Sherwood, Jeffrey Stella, Carmine Tomas, and David Watkins.

g. Public Safety and Health Committee (9 members) Jeffrey Stella, Chair, Eric Morson, Vice Chair, Phil Berns, Bonnie Kim Campbell, Elise Coleman, Mary Fedeli, Bobby Pavia, Fred Pierre-Louis, and Robert Roqueta.

h. Parks and Recreation Committee (7 members) Jennifer Matheny, Chair, Daniel R. Sandford, Vice-Chair, Bradley Bewkes, Virgil de la Cruz, Cara Gilbride, Susan Nabel, and Ines Saftic.

i. Education Committee (7 members) Megan Cottrell, Chair, Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair, Monica Di Costanzo, Francise Jean-Louis, Don Mays, Fred Pierre-Louis, and Maureen Pollack.

j. Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee (7 members) Robert Roqueta, Co-Chair, Mavina Moore, Co-Chair, Melinda Baxter, Bonnie Kim Campbell, Amiel Goldberg, Ashley Ley, and Maureen Pollack.

k. Transportation Committee (7 members) David Watkins, Chair, Terry Adams, Vice-Chair, Monica Di Costanzo, Cara Gilbride, James Grunberger, Mavina Moore, and Daniel Sandford.

l. State & Commerce Committee (7 members) Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair, Jonathan Jacobson, Vice-Chair, Amiel Goldberg, Ashley Ley, Lindsey Miller, Rodney Pratt, and Daniel Sandford.

m. Steering Committee – President Curtis did not announce the members of the Steering Committee. Based upon the Board Rules, the members of the Steering Committee are Jeff Curtis, Chair; Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair; Megan Cottrell, Clerk and Education Committee Chair; Virgil de la Cruz, Deputy Majority Leader and Operations Committee Chair; Mary Fedeli, Minority Leader; Bradley Bewkes, Deputy Minority Leader and Land Use Committee Chair; Phil Berns, Legislative & Rules Committee Co-Chair (½ vote); Monica Di Costanzo, Fiscal Committee Co-Chair (½ vote); Anabel Figueroa, Personnel Committee Chair; Jennifer Matheny, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair; Lindsey Miller, Fiscal Committee Co-Chair (½ vote); Mavina Moore, HCD-SS Committee Co-Chair (½ vote); Susan Nabel, Legislative & Rules Committee Co-Chair (½ vote); Fred Pierre-Louis, State and Commerce Committee Chair; Robert Roqueta HCD-SS Committee Co-Chair (½ vote), Jeffrey Stella, Public Safety Committee Chair, Annie Summerville, Appointments Committee Chair, and David Watkins, Transportation Committee Chair.

**10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The President names and appoints members to Special Committees, if necessary. President Curtis did not name any members to Special Committees

**11. RESOLUTION;** Approving the 2022 Board of Representatives Calendar. A motion to approve the Resolution Approving the 2022 Board of Representatives Calendar was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).