

*The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely.*

# MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Pierre-Louis [16<sup>th</sup> District].

**<sup>1</sup>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Curtis.

**<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 34 members present, 5 absent or excused, and 1 vacancy. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Garst, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Pollack, and Saftic were absent or excused). Rep. Pollack joined the meeting at 8:33 p.m.; Rep. Garst joined the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; Rep. Saftic joined the meeting at 9:54 p.m.; Rep. Sherwood left the meeting at 9:26 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 9:41 p.m.; Rep. Berns left the meeting at 9:42 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 10:51 p.m.; Rep. Walston left the meeting at 10:57 p.m.; and Rep. Fedeli left the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable.

**<sup>3</sup>MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Susan Nabel, from the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives; Pasquale “Pat” Battinelli, Jr., Ralph LaDestro, and John “Jack” Leydon, from Rep. Fedeli; and Francis A. Byrne, Jr., from Rep. Miller

## **<sup>4</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk Cottrell announced that:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next month’s Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
4. The BOR Special Budget Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.
5. Representatives Jacobson and Pavia are celebrating Birthdays this month

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6. The invocation for the June Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 17<sup>th</sup> District (Reps. Fedeli and Pavia). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
8. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

Clerk Cottrell read the attached [conflict of interest statement](#) from Rep. Campbell into the record.

#### **5FILLING OF VACANCY:**

President Curtis read the resignation letter from Rep. Baxter

Dear, Board President Curtis & Mayor Simmons,  
I will be resigning from my position as Board of Representative for District 5, Westside as of immediately. I have been granted a career opportunity that will require more of my time. I am nominating Dakary Watkins, a Westside resident and registered Democrat to replace me as the District 5, Westside Representative.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Constituents of the Westside, District 5, as well as Stamford at-large.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Melinda Baxter  
District 5, Westside  
31st Stamford Board of Representatives

President Curtis called for nominations to fill the vacancy in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Rep. Sherwood nominated Dakary Watkins; said nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, the motion to approve Dakary Watkins to fill the vacancy in the 5<sup>th</sup> District was approved by a roll call vote of 31-1-2 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley,

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Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston in favor; Rep. Weinberg opposed; Reps. Goldberg and David Watkins abstaining).

Mayor Simmons administered the oath of office to Rep. Dakary Watkins

## **6 HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Honoring Former Representative Susan E. Nabel  
04/03/23 – Submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

2. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating Bill and Jevera Hennessey On Being Named Stamford's Citizens of the Year 2023.  
04/14/23 – Submitted by President Curtis **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE** (*Rep. Sherwood abstaining*)

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

## **7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about Juneteenth and Safe Routes to Schools; Chris Passamano, Jeff Herz, Benjamin Pomerantz, Seth Diamond, Lisa Butler, and Suzanne Malloy Zaleski spoke in favor of the Stamford High School Athletic Fields Project; John Wooten spoke in opposition to the South End Historic District resolution; David Adams spoke in opposition to the Stamford High School Athletic Fields Project; and Sue Halpern spoke in support of the South End Historic District resolution. The Board also received the [attached written statements](#) which were distributed to members.

# **STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

[Attendance](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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**<sup>8</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

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[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**

**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, Cottrell, Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston.

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| 1. A31.072 | <b>Camera Review Committee</b><br>Eva Maldonado (R) <i>Repl. Thomas (D)</i><br>Stamford, CT 06902 <i>(Exp. 12/1/19)</i><br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>03/07/023 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>03/21/23 – No Action Taken<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. A31.073 | <b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b><br>George Dallas (R) <i>Repl. Antonelli (R)</i><br>Stamford, CT 06903 <i>(Exp. 12/1/18)</i><br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>                             | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. A31.074 | <b>Personnel Commission</b><br>Eilish Main (D) <i>Repl. Oliver (D)</i><br>Stamford, CT 06902 <i>(Exp. 12/1/21)</i><br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>                                     | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 4. A31.075 | <b>Social Services Commission</b><br>Linda Gornitsky (R) <i>Repl. Ospina (D)</i><br>Stamford, CT 06905 <i>(Exp. 12/1/21)</i><br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>                           | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

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| 5. A31.076 | <b>Arts and Culture Commission</b><br>John Varamo (D)                      Repl. Durrell (D)<br>Stamford, CT 06901                      (Exp. 12/1/21)<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 6. A31.077 | <b>Board of Ethics</b><br>Dennis Torres (D)                      Repl. Sessa (D)<br>Stamford, CT 06905                      (Exp. 12/1/19)<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>             | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 7. A31.078 | <b>Environmental Protection Board</b><br>Leigh Shemitz (D)                      Reappointment<br>Stamford, CT 06903<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>04/18/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>                                    | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>9</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

Co-Chair Miller reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Shaw. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present in person was Rep. Weinberg. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Matheny, and Summerville; Greg Stackpole, Assessor, Tom Cassone, Corporation Counsel; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Elda Sinani, OPM Director; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Kevin McCarthy; Director of Facilities, SPS; Katherine LoBalbo; Director of School Construction; and Chris Passamano, Athletic Director, SPS; Frank Petise, Transportation, Traffic & Parking Bureau Chief; Chief Trevor Roach and Assistant Chief Mike Robles, SFD; and Kevin Fuselier - SLR.

***Under a Suspension of the Rules***

A motion to suspend the rules to take up F31.211, was made seconded and approved by a roll

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call vote of 37-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor).

13. [F31.211](#)      [RESOLUTION](#); Implementing a Two Year Phase-In of the Stamford Property Revaluation. [Technical Amendment to [Resolution No. 4197](#) as required by OPM].  
04/25/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item F31.211 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. [F31.190](#)      [ORDINANCE](#) for public hearing and final adoption; Amending [Section 180-2 of the Code of Ordinances](#), Personal Property Tax District, to Provide for a Separate Mill Rate for Personal Property.  
03/07/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0**      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
2. [F31.204](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Mayors Office – Arts; The Stamford Arts Commission has been Awarded Operating Funding to Support Outreach to the Arts Community; Funding Period 11/7/22 -11/6/23) (100% grant funded).  
\$2,189.00      03/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0**      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
3. [F31.205](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Trusted Messenger Grant; Department of Social Services Will Provide Rigorous Outreach to Inform Vulnerable Clients of Steps to Find or Maintain Health Coverage; Funds for Caseworker Assistant and Supplies (100% Grant Funded).  
\$15,000.00      03/20/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0**      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
4. [F31.210](#)      [RESOLUTION](#); Authorizing the Mayor to Enter in an Application with the State Department of Economic and Community Development for a Certified Local Government Grant not to exceed \$6,000 to Promote Historic Preservation.  
03/15/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0**      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

5. [F31.206](#) \$32,970.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law Wage Increase FY22/23; Appropriation of Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY22/23 per Recent Contract Settlement.  
03/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0** **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
6. [F31.196](#) \$493,509.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Juneteenth Holiday; Declaration of Juneteenth Holiday was not Budgeted in Current Fiscal Year (Source of Funds: Contingency)  
02/24/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/09/23 – HELD by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-1** **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
7. [F31.200](#) \$3,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Stamford High Athletic Fields; Creation of a New Synthetic Turf Baseball Field and New Synthetic Multipurpose Soccer and Lacrosse Field Facility across the Baseball Field at Stamford High. (100% Grant Funded - Source of Funds \$2,000,000 – DEEP, \$1,000,000 – DECD)  
03/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/28/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-1-1** **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 30-0-5**

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 30-0-5 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Cottrell, Curtis, Fedeli, Garst, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Figueroa, and Gilbride abstaining).

8. [F31.202](#) **RESOLUTION**; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Development re: the Stamford High School Athletic Fields Project. [\$2,000,000]  
03/24/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter  
**04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 10-1-0** **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 31-0-4**

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 31-0-4 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Cottrell, Curtis, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, and

abstaining).

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| 9. <a href="#">F31.201</a>                    | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development re: the Stamford High School Athletic Fields Project. {\$1,000,000]<br/>03/24/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/><b>04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (<i>Reps. Campbell, Coleman, and Sherwood abstaining</i>)</p> |
| 10. <a href="#">F31.208</a><br>\$2,878,678.44 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Citywide Pedestrian Signal &amp; Safety Upgrades; Bring up to date Pedestrian Infrastructure at Signalized Intersections with Reported Pedestrian Related Crashes (Funding Source: 100% State Grant)<br/>04/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>   |
| 11. <a href="#">F31.207</a>                   | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation re: the Citywide Pedestrian Signal &amp; Safety Upgrades<br/>03/27/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/><b>04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>   |
| 12. <a href="#">F31.209</a><br>\$1,700,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C63005; Fire Apparatus; Purchase of two Fire Engines (\$850,000 each) before the Expected Price Increase of \$300,000 (\$150,000 each) in the new Fiscal Year and Extended Lead Time of 24-36 months (Funding Source: City Bond)<br/>03/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>03/28/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>04/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>04/24/23 – Approved by Committee 10-1-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE</b></p>   |

A motion to approve Item No. 12 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 6 and 9 through 11, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.



**<sup>10</sup>LEGISLATIVE & RULES  
COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance & Votes](#)  
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**Phil Berns, Chair**  
**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Vice Chair Boeger reported that the Legislative & Rules committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Absent or excused was Rep. Jacobson. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, Mays, Stella, and Walston; and Tom Cassone, Dana Lee, and Mike Toma, Law Department.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR31.033</a> | <b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b> for public hearing and final adoption;<br>Amending <a href="#">Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise</a> , § 164-3, Definitions and Proposed §164-6a, Restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.<br>08/03/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays<br>08/23/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0<br>09/29/22 –Held by Committee 8-0-0<br>10/25/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0<br>11/29/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0<br>12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0<br>01/24/23 – Approved by Committee 5-3-0<br>02/28/23 – Public Hearing Held & Held by Committee 8-1-0<br>03/29/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0<br>04/03/23 – Approved for public hearing by full Board<br><b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b><br><i>(Rep. Curtis<br/>abstaining)</i> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. <a href="#">LR31.042</a> | <p><b>ORDINANCE</b> for public hearing and final adoption; Amending <a href="#">Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise</a>, §164-5.E, Violations and Penalties – Exemptions and Special Conditions; Subsections 1 and 5, and other miscellaneous changes to §§ 164-3, Definitions; 164-4, Noise Level Measurement Procedures; 164-6, Prohibited Noise Activities; and 164-9, Inspections. [Split from <a href="#">LR31.033</a>]<br/> 12/07/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays<br/> 12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0<br/> 01/24/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 02/28/23 –Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 03/29/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 3. <a href="#">LR31.041</a> | <p><b>ORDINANCE</b>; Amending <a href="#">Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise</a>, §164-10, Violations and Penalties. [Split from <a href="#">LR31.033</a>]<br/> 12/07/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays<br/> 12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0<br/> 01/24/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0<br/> 02/28/23 – Public Hearing Held &amp; Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 03/29/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0<br/> 04/03/23 – Postponed by full Board<br/> <b>04/25/23 – No Action Needed (postponed by full Board)</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 4. <a href="#">LR31.045</a> | <p><b>ORDINANCE</b> for publication; Amending Code of Ordinances, <a href="#">Chapter 6, Article XVII, Appointments Commission, §6-122</a>, Membership of the Commission<br/> 01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella<br/> 01/24/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 02/28/23 –Held by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |

**As a Secondary Committee: Appointments**

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| 5. <a href="#">LR31.046</a> | <p>ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u>; Banning Gasoline Powered Landscaping Maintenance Equipment in the Interests of Equity and Preservation of the Environment Pursuant to the Climate Emergency Recognized in Board <a href="#">Resolution Number 4130</a>.<br/> 02/08/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz<br/> 02/13/23 – Held at Steering<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – FAILED in Committee 3-5-0</b></p> | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |
| 6. <a href="#">LR31.051</a> | <p>ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u>; Amending Code of Ordinances, §§ 37-1 and 47-37 to Correct a Scrivener’s Error and Inconsistency re: the Juneteenth Holiday.<br/> 03/20/23 – Submitted by Corporation Counsel<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 7. LR31.044                 | <p>REVIEW; Overview of Office of Legal Affairs.<br/> 01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell<br/> 01/09/23 – Held at Steering<br/> 02/28/23 – Report Made &amp; Held by Committee 8-0-0<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Report Made</b></p>  | <p><b>REPORT MADE</b></p>                            |
| 8. LR31.048                 | <p>APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Allow the Public Comment Period prior to the Filling of a Vacancy.<br/> 02/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b></p>            |
| 9. <a href="#">LR31.040</a> | <p>APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure re: Use of Virtual Meeting Licenses by Representatives.<br/> 11/29/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell<br/> 12/12/22 – Moved to Pending<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0<br/> <b>04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b></p>            |

10. LR31.050      APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure Possibility of the Board of Representatives not Holding Committee Meetings During the Months of July and August and the last week of December; This would not include the Monthly Meeting of the Full Board.  
03/08/23 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Moore, and Cottrell  
03/13/23 – Held at Steering  
**04/25/23 – Report Made**      **REPORT MADE**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 6, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>11</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance & Votes](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)

**Anabel Figueroa, Chair**  
**Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice-Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Mays, Pavia, and Patterson. Rep. Goldberg and Jean-Louis was absent. Also present were Rep. Summerville; Al Cava, Director of Human Resources; and Thomas Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs.

1. [P31.037](#)      REJECTION; Tentative Agreement Between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Assistant Corporation Counsels Union, Local 1303-191, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.  
03/23/23 – Submitted by Director Cava  
04/13/23 – [Positive Advisory Opinion](#) by Board of Finance  
**04/17/23 – Rejection Failed in Committee 0-6-0**      **REJECTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 0-37-0**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and FAILED by a roll call vote of 0-37-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins and Weinberg opposed).

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2. [P31.035](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning the Award of Residency Points on Civil Service Exams for Employment in The City of Stamford. **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**  
 03/08/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz  
 03/20/23 – Held by Committee  
**04/17/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>12</sup>LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Bradley Bewkes, Chair**

**Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Bewkes, Vice Chair Sherwood, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, de la Cruz, Garst, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Summerville, and Tomas. Also present were Rep. Boeger; Thomas Cassone, Corporation Counsel; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; and Susan Halpern, South End Historic District.

***Possibly in Executive Session:***

1. [LU31.019](#) REVIEW; Status of Property at 21 Pulaski Street. **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**  
 07/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Adams  
 07/28/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-0  
 09/01/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 9-0-0  
 11/03/22 – Held by Committee 11-0-0  
 02/22/23 – Held by Committee 7-1-0  
**04/19/23 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0**
2. [LU31.026](#) REVIEW; Smoke Shop Signage - Violations by Current Retail Locations and Possibility for Additional Regulations. **HELD**  
 01/04/23– Submitted by Rep. Gilbride  
 02/22/23 –Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0  
**04/19/23 – Held**

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| 3. <a href="#">LU31.029</a> | ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Land Use Applications.<br>03/17/23 – Submitted by Director Blessing<br><b>04/19/23 – Recommitted to Steering 10-1-0</b>                    | <b>RECOMMITTED TO STEERING</b>           |
| 4. <a href="#">LU31.030</a> | <b>RESOLUTION</b> ; Amending Resolution No. 4085 Creating a South End Historic District Study Committee.<br>04/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes<br><b>04/19/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-3-3</b> | <b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 23-9-5</b> |

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 23-9-5 (Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Walston, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, and Sandford opposed; and Reps. Moore, Shaw, Shinn, Tomas, and Dakary Watkins abstaining).

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** **Virgil de la Cruz, Chair**  
**Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair**

Chair de la Cruz stated that there was no meeting of the Operations Committee this month and no report.

**<sup>13</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:** **Jeffrey Stella, Chair**  
**Eric Morson, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance & Votes](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)  
Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety and Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Garst, Pavia, and Pollack. Absent or excused were Reps. Morson and Roqueta. Also present were Reps. Adams, Boeger, Summerville and Walston; Mike Toma and Dana Lee, Office of Corporation Counsel; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; and Lt. Eugene Dohmann, Stamford Police Department.

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1. [PS31.036](#) **ORDINANCE** for final adoption; Amending Code of Ordinances, [Chapter 72, Alcoholic Beverages §72-2](#), to Prohibit all Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on any Public Highway or Municipally-Owned Public Area or in a Building or Room without a License for the Sale, Distribution or Dispensing of Alcoholic Liquors.  
 02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Campbell, Matheny, Tomas, and Sherwood  
 03/01/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0  
 03/23/23 – Public Hearing Held Report Made & Held 4-2-0  
**04/20/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0**
- APPROVED BY  
 ROLL CALL VOTE  
 30-3-4**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 30-3-4 (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Adams, Figueroa, and Dakary Watkins opposed; and Reps. Ley, Saftic, Shinn, and Walston abstaining).

2. [PS31.037](#) **ORDINANCE** for publication; Inoperable Elevators.  
 03/06/23 – Submitted by Matt Quinones  
 03/23/23 – Report Made & Held 7-0-0  
**04/20/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0**
- APPROVED ON  
 THE CONSENT  
 AGENDA**
3. PS31.039 **REVIEW**; of how the City of Stamford is handling the presumed occupational cancer within the Fire Department  
 04/05/2023 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis, Watkins, Campbell, Baxter, Figueroa, Matheny, Boeger, Pierre-Louis, Pavia, Roqueta, de la Cruz, Tomas, Sherwood and Garst.  
**04/20/23 – Held**
- HELD**
4. PS31.040 **REVIEW**; The Creation of a Special Committee/Task Force; to Study, Make Innovative Programmatic Recommendations and Seek Funding to Improve the Quality of Life Issues for the City of Stamford’s Westside Regarding Substance Abuse (Specifically Alcohol Consumption) and Mental Health Issues.  
 04/05/2023 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Baxter, Moore and Walston  
**04/20/23 – Held**
- HELD**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**14PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
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**Jennifer Matheny, Chair**  
**Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford, and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Weinberg. Rep. Bewkes was excused and Rep. Saftic was absent. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Mays, Miller, Shaw, and Tomas; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation; Mike Toma, Legal Dept.; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Chris Passamano, Stamford High School Athletic Director; Hidalgo Nagashima, Superintendent of Greens; Paul Newman, Melanie Hollis, and Jessica Katz, Parks & Recreation Commission; Andrew Dyjak, Regional VP, FieldTurf; and 10 members of the public.

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| 1. <a href="#">PR31.015</a> | RESOLUTION; <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ;<br>Approving Fees for Use of Ballfields.<br>03/21/23 – Submitted by Director Murray<br><b>04/20/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0</b>                              | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">PR31.016</a> | RESOLUTION; <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ;<br>Establishing Fees for E. Gaynor Brennan Golf<br>Course 2023.<br>03/21/23 – Submitted by Director Murray<br><b>04/20/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</b>                    | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">PR31.017</a> | RESOLUTION; <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ;<br>Establishing Fees for Summer Camp Programs.<br>03/21/23 – Submitted by Director Murray<br><b>04/20/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</b>                                     | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">PR31.011</a> | REVIEW; Design Standards and Potential<br>Ordinance Relating to Artificial Turf Fields.<br>10/13/22 – Submitted Reps. Jacobson and de la<br>Cruz<br>11/14/22 – Moved to Pending<br><b>04/20/23 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0</b> | <b>RECOMMITTED TO<br/>STEERING</b>            |

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5. [PR31.019](#) **RESOLUTION**; Waiving the Requirements of Section 21-3B of the Code of Ordinances in Order to Rename Chestnut Hill Park as Susan Nabel Park at Chestnut Hill  
04/05/2023 – Submitted by Reps. Morson, Matheny, and Curtis.  
**04/20/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0** **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
6. [PR31.018](#) **RESOLUTION**; Renaming Chestnut Hill Park to Susan Nabel Park at Chestnut Hill  
04/05/2023 – Submitted by the 31<sup>ST</sup> Board of Representatives  
**04/20/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0** **APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 37-0-0**

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 37-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins and Weinberg in favor).

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:***

7. [PR31.020](#) **RESOLUTION**; and approval of public hearing; Establishing Fee Schedule for Terry Conners Ice Rink.  
04/17/2023 – Submitted by Director Murray  
**04/20/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0** **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 3,d 5 and 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

**Megan Cottrell, Chair  
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Chair Cottrell stated that there was no meeting of the Education Committee this month and no report.

**<sup>15</sup>HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair  
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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Co-Chair Roqueta reported that the HCD/SS Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, Pollack and

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Walston. Also present were Emily Gordon, Community Development Director; Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; and Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief.

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| 1. | <p><a href="#">HCD31.038</a> PUBLIC HEARING; Second Public Hearing on the Year 49 CDBG Proposals (2023-24).<br/>04/05/2023 – Submitted by Emily Gordon<br/><b>04/25/23 – Public Hearing Held</b></p>  | <b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b>   |
| 2. | <p><a href="#">HCD31.039</a> APPROVAL; of Year 49 CDBG Proposal (2023-2024).<br/>04/05/2023 – Submitted by Emily Gordon<br/><b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-1</b></p>   | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Campbell abstaining) |
| 3. | <p><a href="#">HCD31.040</a> <b>RESOLUTION</b>; Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 49 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford, Connecticut.<br/>04/05/2023 – Submitted by Emily Gordon<br/><b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-1</b></p>   | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Campbell abstaining) |
| 4. | <p><a href="#">HCD31.041</a> APPROVAL; Year 45 CDBG-CV Allocation Amendment (2019-2020)<br/>04/05/23 – Submitted by Director Gordon<br/><b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-1</b></p>   | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Campbell abstaining) |
| 5. | <p><a href="#">HCD31.042</a> APPROVAL; Year 48 CDBG-CV Allocation Amendment (2022-2023)<br/>04/05/23 – Submitted by Director Gordon<br/><b>04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-1</b></p>   | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Campbell abstaining) |
| 6. | <p>HCD31.035 REVIEW; Homeowner/Small Landlord Rehabilitation Program.<br/>02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Baxter and Campbell<br/>03/28/23 –Held by Committee<br/><b>04/25/23 – Held by Committee 5-0-0</b></p>   | <b>HELD</b>  |
| 7. | <p>HCD31.036 REVIEW; Inventory and Statistical Accounting of Current and Upcoming Affordable Housing (BMR &amp; Fee-In-Lieu) Development in Stamford - A Look Back from 2015 through the Present.<br/>02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Roquetta, Stella, and Walston<br/>03/28/23 –Held by Committee<br/><b>04/25/23 – Report Made</b></p> | <b>REPORT MADE</b>   |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 5, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**16 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**David Watkins, Chair**

**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, Moore, and Shinn. Committee Member Reps. Gilbride and Sandford were excused. Also present was Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Chris Dellaselva, Legal Department; and two members of the public.

1. [T31.020](#)

APPROVAL; Agreement by and between the City of Stamford and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for Design Services for Safe Routes to Schools and Public Transit Facilities under RFP No. 846 [cost of services: \$296,500].

02/09/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

04/13/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

**04/25/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0**

**APPROVED ON  
THE CONSENT  
AGENDA (Rep.  
Ley abstaining)**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**

**Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair**

**Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**

Chair Pierre-Louis stated that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee this month and no report.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**17 CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair**

**Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Bewkes reported that the 2021-22 Charter Revision Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Bewkes, Co-Chair Curtis, and Committee Member Reps. Boeger,

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