

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President  
**JEFF CURTIS**

Clerk of the Board  
**MEGAN COTTRELL**

Majority Leader  
**NINA SHERWOOD**

Minority Leader  
**MARY L. FEDELI**

## MINUTES

The Board of Representatives held a meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following:

The General Fund Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, Board of Education, Debt Service Fund, Anti-Blight Fund, Grants Fund, Stamford Harbor Management Fund, Marina Fund, Parking Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund, Terry Conner's Ice Rink Fund, Active Medical Fund, Risk Management Fund, and the Water Pollution Control Authority Fund budgets for the fiscal year 2023/2024, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 20, 2023, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith.

The meeting was held remotely.

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Summerville.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Jeff Curtis.

<sup>1</sup>ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 27 members present, and 13 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Berns, Gilbride, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Ley, Mays, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shinn, Stella, and David Watkins were absent or excused). Rep. Patterson joined the meeting at 8:11 p.m.; Rep. Gilbride joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; Rep. Shinn joined the meeting at 8:39 p.m.; Rep. Berns joined the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Also present were Elda Sinani, Anthony Romano and Adrienne Tova, OPM; and Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration.

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**2COMMUNICATIONS:** Clerk Cottrell announced:

1. 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: 885 6778 3903. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 item

**COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Sean Boeger and Lindsey Miller, Co-Chairs, Fiscal Committee

Co-Chair Boeger reported on the Fiscal Committee budget deliberations. There were no cuts recommended by the Committee to the Special Funds Budgets, Capital Budget, or Board of Education Budget.

Co-Chair Boeger read the [attached letter](#) from Mayor Simmons.

**3SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGETS:**

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve the following Funds Budgets:

\$57,916,652 – Debt Service Fund  
\$380,726 – Anti-Blight Fund  
\$8,688,185 – Grants Fund  
\$58,841 – Stamford Harbor Management Fund  
\$490,199 – Marina Fund  
\$6,570,000 – Parking Fund  
\$13,920,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund  
\$1,919,488 – E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund  
\$1,330,823 – Terry Conner’s Ice Rink Fund  
\$40,347,104 – Active Medical Fund  
\$19,556,367 - Risk Management Fund  
\$28,327,712 – WPCA Fund

which motion was seconded by Rep. Miller. There being no motions to amend the report as to the Funds Budget, the motion was approved by a roll call vote of 29-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Saftic,

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Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Weinberg in favor).

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the following Funds Budgets:

\$57,916,652 – Debt Service Fund  
\$380,726 – Anti-Blight Fund  
\$8,688,185 – Grants Fund  
\$58,841 – Stamford Harbor Management Fund  
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which motion was seconded by Rep. Tomas and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **<sup>4</sup>CAPITAL BUDGET:**

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve the Capital Budget in the amount of \$88,936,000 which motion was seconded by Rep. Miller and approved by a roll call vote of 29-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Weinberg in favor)

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Capital Budget in the amount of \$88,936,000 and the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$53,993,000, which motion was seconded by Rep. Miller and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **<sup>5</sup>BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET:**

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$313,562,896 which motion was seconded by Rep. Miller and approved by a roll call vote of 26-3-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Boeger, Sherwood, and Tomas opposed).

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$313,562,896 which motion was seconded by Rep. Fedeli and approved by a roll call vote of 28-0-2 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Summerville, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Sherwood, and Tomas abstaining).

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## **6** OPERATING BUDGET:

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve the Operating Budget as reduced by the Fiscal Committee's [recommended cuts](#) as shown below, in the amount of \$646,906,174.

	<b><u>Proposed Cut</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Action</u></b>
Page 344 – General Fund / Office of Benefits & Insurance / Human Resources / Other Retirement Benefits	\$150,000 – Police OPEB Service Cost; Ref. # 01484032412	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).
Page 344 – General Fund / Office of Benefits & Insurance / Human Resources / Other Retirement Benefits	\$150,000 – Police OPEB UAL Amortization; Ref. # 01484032422	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

The motion was seconded by Rep. Miller and approved by a roll call vote of 27-4-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Summerville, Tomas, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Cottrell, Sherwood, Walston, and Dakary Watkins opposed).

Co-Chair Boeger made a motion to approve a [resolution](#) adopting the Operating Budget in the amount of \$646,906,174, which motion was seconded by Rep. Miller and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).