

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut. This meeting was also held remotely.

MINUTES

Rep. Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Stamford resident Kieran Edmondson (District 3)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Majority Leader Sherwood.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. At the time of Roll Call there were 35 members present in person or online (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams) and 1 member absent or excused (Rep. Grunberger)

Reps. Kuczynski, Moore, and Pavia joined immediately after roll call remotely for a total of 38 members present and 1 member absent or excused.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE: A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made (Rep. Gilbride), seconded (multiple), and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For (1) President Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr. by the 31st Board of Representatives; (2) Brisley Reyes, by the 31st Board of Representatives; (3) Former State Representative Christel Truglia by the 31st Board of Representatives

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced:

1. The August 2025 birthdays for Board members: Reps. Adams, Morson and Vandervoort.
2. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. Please submit all items for Steering to BOR_OfficeStaff@stamfordct.gov
3. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
4. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8:00 p.m.
5. The invocation for the August Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 4th District (Reps. Cottrell and Roqueta). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
6. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call.

7. If you are attending remotely and need assistance with Microsoft Teams, you can call IT at [REDACTED]. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office staff. 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 - [REDACTED], and using the Phone Conference ID on the agenda: 533 402 3394. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at [REDACTED] 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 are attending remotely and 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.
9. 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.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | <u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Congratulating Lynne Colatrella On Her Retirement From Stamford Downtown Special Services After 25 Years.
05/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Gilbride | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 2. | <u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Congratulating Ronnie Griggs On Being Named Stamford Public Schools 2025-26 Paraeducator Of The Year
06/03/25 - Submitted by 31 st Board of Representatives | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 3. | <u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Honoring The Life of Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr. And His Contributions To The City Of Stamford
07/29/25 - Submitted by 31 st Board of Representatives | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record. Ms. Colatrella appeared in person to accept the resolution.

There was no action taken on Item No. 2 at the meeting.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Clerk Cottrell read the resolution into the record. President Curtis' widow and children appeared in person to accept the resolution. A silent procession to lay roses at the President's seat, black draped, followed. Meeting Chair Sherwood invited the Board members to speak and share their

memories or make a statement regarding the late President.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Session opened at 9:29 p.m. and closed at 9:53 p.m. The following spoke during the public participation session: (1) Mike Papa – remote; (2) Kieran Edmondson – in person; (3) Dolores Gambini – in person; (4) Gina Calabrese – remote; (5) Sue Halpern – remote; (6) Mike Battinelli – in person; (7) Dave Adams – in person; (8) Salvatore Zarella – in person; (9) David Michel – remote; (10) Nicola Tarzia -- remote.

FILLING OF VACANCY:

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| 1. Vacancy in the 14 th District | CURTIS
APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 2. Vacancy on the Board of Finance (Dennis Mahoney Resignation) | MCGRATH
APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 3. Vacancy of the Presidency of the Board of Representatives | SHERWOOD
ELECTED BY
ROLL CALL VOTE
28-6-2
(Reps. Gilbride &
Sherwood abstained) |

Meeting Chair Sherwood opened the floor for nominations for Item No. 1: to fill the Vacancy in the 14th District. Mrs. Rose Curtis was nominated, seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Mrs. Curtis was then sworn in by City/Town Clerk Lyda Ruijter.

A motion to approve filling Item No. 2, the vacancy on the Board of Finance, was made, seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams). Due to technical difficulties, Colonel Mark McGrath, present remotely, could not be sworn in by the City/Town Clerk at the meeting.

Meeting Chair Sherwood then opened the floor for nominations for Item No. 3: to fill the vacancy for the position of President of the Board of Representatives. Rep. Sherwood was nominated and the motion received multiple seconds. An additional motion to nominate Rep. Gilbride was made and seconded. Rep. Sherwood was approved as the President of the Board of Representatives by roll call vote (Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort,

Walston, Watkins and Williams voted for Sherwood; Reps. Blank, Goldberg, Ley, Mays, Morson and Weinberg voted for Gilbride; Reps. Gilbride and Sherwood abstained. Reps. Baines, Berns and Saftic did not vote).

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 30, 2025
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1.A31.216 | Patriotic and Special Events Commission
John Paul Marchetti (R) <i>Repl. Degruittola (R) Exp. 12/1/24</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
6/4/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
6/25/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-1
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 2. A31.217 | Harbor Management Commission
Samuel Abernathy (U) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
7/2/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 3. A31.218 | Environmental Protection Board - Alternate
Katherine Duffy (D) <i>Repl. Kozlowski (D)</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
7/2/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |

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| 4. A31.223 | Environmental Protection Board - Alternate
Stefania Payares (U)
<i>Repl. Vacancy/Schneider Exp. 12/1/22</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
7/9/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
 UNANIMOUS
 VOICE VOTE |
| 5. A31.219 | Stamford Golf Authority
Perry Gaa (U) <i>Repl. Sachs-Lavery (R) Exp. 12/1/24</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
7/2/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
 UNANIMOUS
 VOICE VOTE |
| 6. A31.220 | Stamford Golf Authority
Jesse Baker (D) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/2/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
 UNANIMOUS
 VOICE VOTE |
| 7. A31.222 | Personnel Commission
Marc Teichman (I) <i>Reappointment</i>
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2026
7/9/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
 UNANIMOUS
 VOICE VOTE |
| 8. A31.221 | Board of Finance
Filling of a Vacancy to Replace Dennis Mahoney
<i>(Committee to Interview Colonel Mark McGrath)</i>
07/08/2025 – Submitted by Rep Fedeli
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | APPROVED BY
 UNANIMOUS
 VOICE VOTE
 (WHEN VACANCIES
 WERE FILLED) |
| 9. A31.207 | ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 6 of
the Code of Ordinances, Authorities, Boards and
Commissions, §6-123. - Duties and responsibilities
(Appointments Commission)
04/09/225 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
4/29/2025 – Held by Committee
5/28/2025 – Failed by Committee 2-3-1
06/02/2025 – Recommended to Steering by Unanimous
Voice Vote
06/02/2025 – Recommended to Steering 6-0-0
7/30/2025 – No Action Taken | RECOMMITTED
 TO STEERING |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 7, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw,

Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

Item No. 8 was approved via unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams) during the filling of vacancies section of the meeting.

No action was taken on Item No. 9. *It was noted that Rep. Walston left the meeting prior to the Appointments votes & rejoined the meeting online at 10:39 p.m.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

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Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, July 28, 2025

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. <u>F31.577</u>
\$49,913.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); Stamford Police Department will perform special details targeting speed and aggressive driving in Stamford/ funds for overtime and fringe benefits.
06/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/28/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 2. <u>F31.578</u> | RESOLUTION; Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Sign Agreements With The CT Department Of Transportation For Speed And Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant.
06/06/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/28/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 3. <u>F31.579</u>
\$9,400,000.00
&
\$6,300,000.00 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY2022-23 of \$9,400,000.00 to Capital Non-Recurring Fund. Amended Transfer of \$6.3 Million for the Capital Nonrecurring Fund & \$9.4 Million for Fund 57 (\$15.3M total)
06/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/17/2025 – Amended amount to \$6,300,000.00 to Capital non-recurring & \$9,400,000 to Fund 57 by Board of Finance
07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | APPROVED 32-1-3
(Reps. Adams, Fedeli & Watkins abstained) |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays,

Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

Co-Chair Boeger explained that per Connecticut State Statutes, Item No. 3 was required to go to the municipal legislative branch if approved by the municipal financial entity (Board of Finance) and that the executive branch could not withdraw the item. Item was moved, seconded, and prior to the vote, a superseding motion to recommit the item to Steering failed by roll call vote of 15-20-0 (Reps. Adams, Blank, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Ley, Mays, Moore, Morson, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Vandervoort and Watkins and in favor of recommitting; Reps. Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Curtis, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Weinberg and Williams against recommitting. Rep. Berns did not vote).

The original motion to approve Item No. 3 was then approved by roll call vote of 32-1-3 (Reps. Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Weinberg and Williams in favor; Rep. de la Cruz against; Reps. Adams, Fedeli and Watkins abstained).

**LEGISLATIVE AND RULES
COMMITTEE**

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Phil Berns, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, July 29, 2025
7:00 p.m. –By webinar

Vice Chair Boeger reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. LR31.091 | ORDINANCE for <u>public hearing and final adoption</u> ; on banning the sale, provision, and distribution of single use plastic products in food and beverage establishments.
01/06/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Ley and Berns
01/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering
01/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
02/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering
03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
04/07/25 – Approved for Public Hearing
04/29/25 – Public Hearing held and Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
05/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
06/24/25 – Amended by committee 7-0-0
06/24/25 – Approved for Public Hearing as Amended 7-0-0
07/29/25 – Amended by Committee 7-0-0
07/29/25 – Approved As Amended by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED
29-0-7 (Reps.
Adams, Campbell,
Graham, Stella,
Tomas, Walston &
Williams abstained) |
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| 2. LR31.099 | RESOLUTION; Urging The Connecticut General Assembly To Adopt Statewide Measures Aligned With Stamford's Sustainable Waste Ordinance.
03/31/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale and Berns
04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
05/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
06/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
07/29/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. LR31.100 | ORDINANCE for publication; Requiring a Citywide Transition to Electric Landscaping Equipment in the City of Stamford
04/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale, de la Cruz, Weinberg and Berns
04/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
05/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
06/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-2 | RECOMMENDED
TO STEERING |
| 4. LR31.104 | ORDINANCE for publication; amending §111-6 Dogs (C-1) <i>Control of dangerous/vicious dogs of the Code of Ordinances</i>
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 | RECOMMENDED
TO STEERING |
| 5. LR31.105 | APPROVAL; of MRV Forfeiture Notice form, per Ordinance 231-67.2.
07/12/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
07/29/25 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1,2 and 5 was made, seconded, and denied consent by Rep. Campbell. Item No. 1 was then moved, seconded, and discussion ensued. The item was approved via roll call vote of 29-0-7 (Reps. Baines, Blank, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, Vandervoort, Watkins and Weinberg approved; Reps. Adams, Campbell, Graham, Stella, Tomas, Walston and Williams abstained. Reps. Berns, Pavia and Shaw left the meeting prior to the vote).

A motion to approve Items 2 and 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mary Fedeli, Chair
Bobby Pavia, Vice-Chair

Chair Fedeli reported that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee and no report.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair
Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025
7:00 p.m. –By webinar **CANCELLED**
SPECIAL Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2025
7:30 p.m. –By webinar and in person

Rep. Matheny reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

- 1. [LU31.055](#) REVIEW; 2035 Comprehensive Plan **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**
06/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Tomas
06/18/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

- 2. [LU31.043](#) REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**
08/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
09/18/24 – Held by Committee
10/24/24 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0
11/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
12/09/24 – Held at Steering
01/22/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
02/27/25 – Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
04/23/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

Rep. Matheny stated that over 80 members of the public assembled in the Legislative Chambers and over 85 attended the meeting remotely to voice their concerns and displeasure at the subject of Item No. 1.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 2025
6:30 p.m. –By webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

- 1.(a) [O31.075](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Concerning Increasing Building Permit Fees On Commercial Projects Exceeding \$1,000,000. **AMENDMENT APPROVED 33-1-1**
06/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood
06/17/25 – Approved by Committee 6-3-0
07/07/25 – Amendment approved by roll call vote 19-17-0
07/07/25 – Approved as amended for public hearing by roll call vote 23-6-4
(Rep. Williams abstained)
APPROVED AS AMENDED 21-14-0

**07/24/25 – Motion to bifurcate amended resolution
Approved by Committee 8-0-0
07/24/25 – Approved as originally submitted on
6/16/25 by Committee 5-3-0**

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| 1.(b) O31.079 | RESOLUTION; Concerning Building Permit Fees And Certificate Of Occupancy Fees for Affordable Housing Units (Originated from O31.075) made into own item at committee meeting
07/24/25 – Submitted via Motion to Bifurcate O31.075 as Amended by Reps. Ley and Boeger
07/24/25 – Failed by Committee 4-5-0 | RECOMMITTED
TO STEERING
29-1-0 |
| 2. O31.049 | REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads.
03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommended to Steering 7-0-0
05/20/24 – Recommended to Steering 5-0-0
06/17-24 – No Action Taken
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
02/20/25 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
03/20/25 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0
04/24/25 – No Action Taken
05/22/25 – Recommended to Steering 5-0-0
06/17/25 – Recommended to Steering 9-0-0
07/24/25 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0 | RECOMMITTED
TO STEERING |
| 3. O31.069 | REVIEW; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs.
03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham
03/20/25 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0
04/24/25 – No Action Taken
05/22/25 – No Action Taken
06/17/25 – Recommended to Steering 9-0-0
07/24/2025 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
| 4. O31.076 | REVIEW; of the New Community based Task Force in the City of Stamford.
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/24/2025 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
| 5. O31.077 | ORDINANCE for publication; amending Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances concerning lighting and the enforcement of exterior lighting standards
06/26/2025 – Submitted by Dir. Quinones
07/24/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |

6. O31.078 REVIEW; Flooding issues in Springdale and the surrounding neighborhoods.
06/16/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale
07/24/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

**RECOMMITTED
TO STEERING**

A motion to approve Item No. 1a was made, seconded, and prior to a vote, a motion to amend the threshold amount from \$1M to \$3M was made and seconded. Discussion ensued, and the motion to amend the item's threshold to \$3M failed by roll call vote 13-19-3 (Reps. Adams, Blank, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Mays, Morson, Sandford, Vandervoort, Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston against; Reps. Camporeale, Cottrell and Williams abstained. Rep. Pollack left the meeting prior to the vote).

A second motion to amend Item No. 1a's threshold from \$1M to \$2M was made, seconded, and additional discussion ensued. This motion failed by roll call vote 16-19-0 (Reps. Adams, Blank, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Mays, Morson, Sandford, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams in favor; Reps. Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, and Walston against).

A third motion to amend Item No. 1a's threshold from \$1M to \$1.3M so as to adjust for inflation was made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote 33-1-1 (Reps. Adams, Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Walston and Weinberg in favor; Rep. Blank against; Rep. Williams abstained).

A motion to approve Item No. 1a as amended (\$1.3M threshold) was made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote 21-14-0 (Reps. Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston in favor; Reps. Adams, Blank, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Sandford, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams against).

A motion to approve Item No. 1b was made, seconded, and prior to a vote, a motion to recommit the item to Steering was made and seconded. Discussion ensued, and the motion to recommit was approved by roll call vote 29-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Baines, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams in favor; Rep. Goldberg against; Reps. Blank, Camporeale, Kuczynski, Pierre-Louis and Walston did not vote).

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2025
6:30 p.m.—By webinar **CANCELLED**

Chair Stella reported that the meeting was cancelled, so there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no report.

1. PS31.067 REVIEW; of City and School System Policies, Protocols, and Procedures Requiring Public Notification of Incidents.
05/12/25 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
05/29/25 – Held
07/31/25 – Meeting Cancelled

2. PS31.068 REVIEW; of City Policies, Protocols, and Procedures That Require Notification to Designated Officials—But Not the Public—Following Certain Incidents.
05/12/25 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
05/29/25 – Held
07/31/25 – Meeting Cancelled

3. [PS31.002](#) REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in [Resolution 4081](#). (Previously PS30.092)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Report Made
03/06/23 – Recommitted to Steering at Board Meeting by Unanimous Voice Vote
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending
04/20/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
05/18/23 – Report Made
06/05/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending
08/24/28 – No Action Taken
09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering, 6-0-1
10/26/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending
10/30/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
11/12/24 – Moved to Pending
01/30/25 – No Action Taken
02/19/25 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/29/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
07/31/25 – Meeting Cancelled

**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel Sandford, Vice-Chair**

NEW DATE: Meeting: Monday, July 28, 2025
7:00 p.m. — By webinar **CANCELLED**

Chair Matheny reported that the meeting was cancelled, so there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

1. [PR31.045](#) APPROVAL; of an fully executed Agreement with Grucci, Inc for the City's firework displays for this year and optional years 2026-2029
06/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
2. PR31.046 APPROVAL; Stamford Bocce League install scoreboards at the bocce courts and would like to discuss selling sponsorships.
07/07/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
3. PR31.047 Review: regulation 175-1-23, clarification of “unreasonable noise” requested by the Parks and Recreation Commission
07/10/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
4. PR31.041 REVIEW; New Leone Park parking lot progress
03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
04/14/25 – Moved to Pending
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Chair Cottrell reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

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

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**
Meeting: Tuesday, July 29, 2025
6:30 p.m. — By webinar **CANCELLED**

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that the meeting was cancelled, so there was no meeting of the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee and no report.

1. HCD31.079 PRESENTATION; Presentation from the Mayor’s Office for CDBG Program Year 51
07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch
07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

2. HCD31.080 REVIEW/FINALIZE; the results from the evaluation forms for final recommendations for CDBG Program Year 51
07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch
07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
3. HCD31.081 APPROVAL; CDBG Program Year 51 (2025-2026) Awards/Annual Action Plan
07/09/2025 – Submitted by M. Sawch
07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
4. HCD31.083 REVIEW; Increasing the percentage of the Annual Linkage Fees that are earmarked for deposit into the SAHTF
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta
07/29/2025 – Meeting Cancelled

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:00 p.m. –By webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above and read committee report into the record.

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| 1. T31.046 | REVIEW; Vision Zero: Work done so far, 2024 and 2025 crash report, speed safety cameras, and other work being done to improve roadway safety
07/08/2025 – Submitted by F. Petise
07/22/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 | RECOMMITTED TO STEERING |
| 2. <u>T31.047</u> | APPROVAL; of an Agreement between the City of Stamford and BETA Group, Inc. for the design of safety improvements at the Belltown Area Roadway
06/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 3. T31.048 | REVIEW; of Ticket Payment Process and Timeline After Parking Violations Are Issued
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/22/2025 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Ashley Ley, Vice-Chair
~~Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025~~
~~7:00 p.m. — By webinar~~ **CANCELLED**

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that the meeting was cancelled, so there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

1. SC31.022 REVIEW; of Resolution to Ban the Use of Toxic Biosolids as Fertilizer.
03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams
03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
04/14/25 – Moved to Pending
05/21/25 – No action taken
06/18/25 – Meeting Cancelled
07/23/25 – Meeting Cancelled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OUTSIDE COUNSEL/HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE

Jeff Curtis, Chair

President Sherwood reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel/ High Ridge Litigation Committee and no report.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL; July 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting **APPROVED ON
CONSENT**
[Minutes](#)

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, , Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walson, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams).

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved via unanimous voice vote. President Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 12:43 a.m.

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#)) and ([Part 2](#)).