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Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Dannel P. Malloy, per Charter § C3-10-11.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION:** By former representative Philip Stork. Mr. Stork congratulated the Mayor on his third term and wished him the best of luck along with his former colleagues on the Board.

“Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for another day in this world you have created for us and for bringing this newly-elected legislative body together for the purpose of providing leadership to the wonderful city it serves. We pray for this city’s mayor, the state’s governor and our country’s president as they see to our city and state day-to-day needs, our children’s education and our national security. We ask that you ask over this legislative board and provide the guidance needed in order for them to make the best decisions they can for the betterment of the city they serve. And lastly, oh Lord, never forget those on 9-11-2001. We pray for their families and loved ones. We also pray for our military personnel that are serving our country in defense of our freedom. We ask for all this in your name. Amen.”

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy.

4. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Dannel P. Malloy administered the oath of office to the members of the 26th Board of Representatives.

Mayor appoints two Temporary Tellers: Gloria DePina and Robert “Gabe” DeLuca.

Mayor entertains a motion for a Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Lyons nominated John Boccuzzi. Said motion was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Malloy appointed Mr. Boccuzzi temporary chair.

Vote is held on the election of the Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Boccuzzi was appointed temporary chairperson by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Malloy stated he looked forward to working with the new Board, and it will be an interesting four years, with economic issues that the City will have to deal with in the coming months and years. He added that this Board has evidenced the great ability to work across party lines for the betterment of this community, and he has no doubt it will continue to do that.

Mayor Malloy congratulated those serving first terms and those who have been re-elected.

4. ROLL CALL: By Administrative Assistant Valerie Pankosky. There were thirty-seven members present and three members absent. Absent were Reps. Greenberg, Biancardi and Cannady.

Vote is held on election of Temporary Clerk. Rep. Summerville nominated Mary Fedeli; said motion was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes and resumed at 8:23 p.m.

Adoption of Rules of Order for the 26th Board of Representatives. Rep. Martin moved to accept the rules of the 26th Board; said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin moved to amend the rules as indicated on Paragraph A.1. and Paragraph B-1. of the attached Rules. Rep. Martin stated these changes eliminate three committees and add a new one; they provide a method of voting which in fact what is closer to what the Board has been doing already. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Sherer inquired whether some co-chairs would have a full vote and whether some would have a half vote. Rep. Martin responded that the rules provide that the president can designate full and half votes. Rep. Martin added that if he were to be elected president, he intended on allotting full votes to those co-chairs who previously had full votes.

Rep. Sherer moved to delete section E.2. on Page 9 which would eliminate the roll call vote. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Summerville stated that giving the roll call vote is one of the prestigious duties of the Clerk of the Board. Further, it takes only five minutes to do a roll call vote, and Ms. Summerville feels it is good to maintain it for the public's benefit. While the voting system is

available, it is somewhat difficult to see it from the gallery. Rep. Summerville asked that her fellow representatives defeat this motion.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the public comes to see how their representatives vote, and he believes it would be a mistake to eliminate it. Mr. Zelinsky stated that other legislators, in Washington and Hartford, have roll call votes. Mr. DeLuca stated he agrees with Mr. Sherer, and the machine provides for a rapid printout of the vote. Rep. Loglisci stated that the roll call vote is not necessary and that the machine provides a quick record. Mr. O'Neill stated that the roll call vote serves a useful purpose. He added that machines are not infallible, and it would be nice to be able to refer to a traditional way of voting if the Board so chooses.

A motion to hold a roll call vote was made, seconded and approved by voice vote. The motion to eliminate the roll call vote failed by a roll call vote of 15-22. Voting for the motion were Reps. Imbrogno, Loglisci, Morrow, Fedeli, McDermott, Coppola, DeLuca, Shapiro, Crowley, DeLeo, Mirkin, Day, Sherer, Benyus and Browne.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Rules of the 26th Board were adopted by unanimous voice vote, as amended.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT of the 26th Board of Representatives.

Vote on election of President of the Board. Rep. Skigen stated it was his distinct honor and privilege to nominate Rep. David Martin for president. Mr. Skigen stated that Mr. Martin has been on the Board for 18 years, has been the parliamentarian, and has recently served as chair of Fiscal (prior to that he was co-chair of Legislative & Rules). Mr. Skigen stated that Mr. Martin is extremely fair and willing to listen to what the members of the Board have to say, adding that he believes Mr. Martin will make an excellent president of the Board. Said motion was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Rep. Martin was elected President by unanimous voice vote.

6. PRESIDENT takes chair.

President Martin thanked everyone, adding that “whether we live in times of peace and prosperity, or in times of jeopardy and famine, let us together use our collective wisdom and experience to most benefit our neighbors, our community, and our City; and to shape the brightest future possible for all our people, our children and our children’s children, while still always providing justice to all. In this most difficult but most important endeavor, I am proud and honored to be the President of your Board.”

President appoints two Tellers and two Alternate Tellers. President Martin appointed Alice Fortunato and Mary Fedeli as Tellers. President Martin appointed Bobby Owens and Donald B. Sherer as alternate tellers.

President entertains motions for a permanent Clerk of the Board. Rep. Boccuzzi stated it was a great pleasure to nominate Annie Summerville as Clerk. Mr. Boccuzzi added that everyone knows Ms. Summerville for the great work she has done, for her wit and her great singing voice. Mr. Boccuzzi stated he is confident that Ms. Summerville will continue her excellent work with the Board Office. Said motion was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vote on election of a permanent Clerk. One vote was cast to elect Annie Summerville as Clerk of the Board.

Clerk takes over duties.

President announces the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties. President Martin announced that John J. Boccuzzi will be the Majority Leader with Gloria DePina and Maria Nakian as Assistant Majority Leaders. President Martin announced that Ralph Loglisci will be the Minority Leader, with Robert “Gabe” DeLuca and Donald B. Sherer as Deputy Minority Leaders.

President appoints Parliamentarians. President Martin appointed Donald B. Sherer and Randall Skigen as parliamentarians.

President Martin also stated that he will be asking Mr. Giordano to take care of the caucus room areas, and will propose a change to the rules in the future to provide for this type of position.

7. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. President Martin appointed members to the Standing Committees, naming the chair of each Committee first. The Committees listed below are those of the 26th Board of Representatives.

a. Steering Committee. President Martin will chair the Steering Committee, and the Committee will consist of Reps. White, Boccuzzi, Mitchell, Owens, Sherer, Skigen, Esposito, DePina, Summerville, Giordano, Nakian, O’Neill, Shapiro, Hunter, Spandow, Day, DeLuca, Loglisci, Morrow, Fortunato and Fedeli. Reps. Fedeli, Sherer, Day and Morrow will have a full vote. Reps. White, Giordano, O’Neill, Hunter and Spandow will have one-half votes, in accordance with the Rules of the 26th Board.

b. Appointments Committee. Rep. Esposito will chair the Appointments Committee with Rep. DePina as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Boccuzzi, Fahan, Summerville, Kernan, Blackwell, Mirkin, Coppola, Morrow and Fortunato.

c. Fiscal Committee. Rep. Skigen will chair the Fiscal Committee with Rep. Owens as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Lyons, Cannady, Figueroa, Giordano, Hunter, DeLuca, Loglisci, Fedeli and Sherer.

d. Legislative & Rules Committee: Rep. Nakian will chair the Committee with Rep. Shapiro as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Mitchell, Esposito, Fahan, DeLuca, Zelinsky, Spandow, Greenberg, Browne and Benyus.

e. Personnel Committee: Reps. Spandow and Fedeli will co-chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, McCullen, DeLeo, Figueroa, Loglisci, Greenberg, Browne and Skigen.

f. Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee: Reps. White and Day will co-chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Boccuzzi, Mitchell, Summerville, Biancardi, Shapiro, Spandow, Loglisci, Benyus and Nakian.

g. Operations Committee: Rep. Owens will chair the Committee with Rep. Imbrogno as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. White, McDermott, Biancardi, O'Neill, Day, Zelinsky, Hunter, Coppola and Sherer.

h. Public Safety and Health Committee: Rep. Fortunato will Chair the Committee with Rep. Lyons as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. DePina, DeLeo, Kernan, Biancardi, Blackwell, O'Neill, Mirkin, DeLuca and Crowley.

i. Parks and Recreation Committee: Reps. Sherer and Giordano will co-chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Lyons, White, Cannady, McDermott, McCullen, Imbrogno, Coppola, Fortunato and Fedeli.

j. Education Committee: Reps. O'Neill and Hunter will co-chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Mitchell, DePina, Imbrogno, Shapiro, Day, Crowley and Benyus.

k. Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee. Rep. Mitchell will Chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Cannady, McCullen, Fahan, Figueroa, Blackwell, Giordano, Crowley, Morrow and Browne.

l. State and Commerce Committee: Rep. Shapiro will Chair the Committee with Rep. Morrow as Vice Chair. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Esposito, Summerville, Spandow, Day, Greenberg, DeLuca, Fedeli, Skigen and Nakian.

m. Transportation Committee: Rep. DeLuca will chair the Committee. Members of the Committee are: Reps. Kernan, Blackwell, Giordano and Mirkin.

Mr. Martin stated that adjustments may be necessary, and he is open to suggestions to changes.

8. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President stated no special committees would be named.

9. DECEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING. The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives will be held on Monday, December 10, 2001. President Martin stated that the Steering Committee meeting for the January regular board meeting will be held immediately following the December 10, 2001 regular board meeting..

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Martin stated that Steering will be held the Monday after the regular board meeting. The cut-off for Steering will tentatively be the Thursday before Steering, at 10:00 a.m.

President Martin stated that regarding personalized stationery, he will be meeting with leadership to discuss having one stationery with all forty members listed on the stationery. This is to provide some financial savings. If we were not to have stationery, we would instead have business cards for everyone.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that those members without nameplates are those that we have not received responses to regarding how they would like their name to appear.

Clerk of the Board Summerville welcomed all new members and stated that leadership will be available to help new members. She stated that she is confident that everyone will have a good working relationship.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.