

The Organizational Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, December 5, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Dannel P. Malloy, per Charter § C3-10-11. Mayor Dannel P. Malloy called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION:** By Rev. Perry, Rabbi Cohen and Msgr. DiGiovanni.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
4. **ROLL CALL:** By Administrative Assistant Valerie Pankosky. There were thirty-nine members present and one absent/excused, Rep. Cynthia Martin.
5. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Dannel P. Malloy administered the oath of office to the members of the 27th Board of Representatives who had not previously been sworn in.

Mayor Malloy stated that it is a great privilege to be with the Board again this evening. He added: "I have enjoyed working with all of you for the betterment of the City and I look forward to working with you in the future. I know we will all put our partisanship aside and do what is best for the City in all cases. I certainly want you to know that my administration looks forward to working with all of you as we face four years of great challenges and great possibilities. I know you will have a full agenda."

- a. Mayor Dannel P. Malloy appointed Richard Lyons and Gabe DeLuca as temporary tellers.
- b. The Mayor entertained a motion for a Temporary Chairperson. Rep. Lyons moved to nominate Majority Leader Boccuzzi; said motion was seconded by Rep. Skigen. No other nominations were offered.
- c. Vote is held on the election of the Temporary Chairperson. Majority Leader Boccuzzi was approved as Temporary Chairperson by a unanimous voice vote.

6. **TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON** takes chair.

- a. Temporary Chairperson entertains motions for a Temporary Clerk. Rep. Summerville moved to nominate Mary Fedeli as temporary chair; said motion was seconded

by Rep. Skigen.

b. Vote is held on election of Temporary Clerk. The motion to approve Mary Fedeli as Temporary Chair was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT of the 27th Board of Representatives. Rep. Skigen moved the nomination of David Martin for president; said motion was seconded.

a. Vote on election of President of the Board. The nomination of David Martin as president of the Board was approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. PRESIDENT takes chair.

a. President appoints two Tellers and two Alternate Tellers. President David Martin appointed Richard Lyons and Scott Mirkin as Tellers. President Martin appointed Terry Adams and Art Layton as Alternate Tellers.

b. President entertains motions for a permanent Clerk of the Board. Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated that he takes great pleasure in nominating someone who has been a long term Clerk of the Board, who knows Robert's Rules of Order better than most and who knows the workings of the Board Office – Annie Summerville for Clerk of the Board; said motion was seconded.

c. Vote on election of a permanent Clerk. The appointment of Annie Summerville as Clerk of the Board was approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Summerville stated she is overwhelmed and thanked everyone for their encouragement and support. Clerk Summerville stated she is as good as she is because of her fellow members on the Board. She asked for the representatives' support and that she will support them so that we will have a wonderful four years.

d. Clerk takes over duties.

e. President announces the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties. President Martin announced that John Boccuzzi was elected Majority Leader by the Democratic Party members, and Gabe DeLuca was elected Minority Leader by the Republican Party members. President Martin announced that Jim Diamond and Gloria DePina were elected Deputy Majority Leaders and Mary Fedeli and Scott Mirkin were elected Deputy Minority Leaders.

f. Adoption of Rules of Order for the 27th Board of Representatives. A motion to adopt the rules of the 27th Board was made by Rep. Mirkin, seconded by Rep. Boccuzzi and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Rules are [attached](#) and made a part hereof.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if the rules still contained the provision that representatives can amend them by a majority vote over the next sixty days. President Martin confirmed that this is the case, and that any members who wish to propose any rules changes should contact the

President directly or their majority or minority leader. Any proposals will be forwarded to the Legislative & Rules Committee for review.

f. President appoints Parliamentarians. President Martin appointed Randy Skigen and Harry Day as parliamentarians.

g. President appoints Sergeant at Arms. President Martin appointed Phil Giordano as Sergeant at Arms.

9. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The President appoints members to the Standing Committees, naming the chair of each Committee first. The Committees listed below are those of the 26th Board of Representatives. President Martin stated that 80% of the requests for committee assignments were satisfied; therefore, not everyone could be accommodated. President Martin stated that it took a long time and a lot of work to prepare the committee assignments and that he spent a considerable amount of time on this. He attempted to balance them by party and geographic location, by taking into consideration those that may have a lot of potential conflicts (which does not mean that someone couldn't serve on that committee), among other objectives. In general, at the request of several people, he reduced the number of co-chairs and increased the number of Vice Chairs.

President Martin added that he takes full responsibility for the committee assignments as he prepared them himself. There may be some mistakes. If any representatives desires a change, they should contact him directly or through their majority or minority leader. These assignments are not carved in stone. After six-seven months, if he finds that some members are not showing up to committee meetings, he will change their committee assignments – something he did not do during the last board.

President Martin stated that the committees already have things to do. He would like the Appointments Committee to review its application form and consider addressing concerns that may have been raised by the new Ethics Ordinance. He would like the Committee to consider adding to the application an enumeration of things that may be potential conflicts. The Fiscal Committee will soon be taking up the budget. Legislative & Rules will be taking up some fine tuning of the DSSD and Ethics ordinances. The Personnel Committee will be considering a CERF request to increase pensions for retirees as well as the matter of pay plan employees, who cannot get typical city pensions, and their enrollment in either a State pension plan or a 503-b plan. Land Use has significant items in terms of the Corcoran-Jennison and the RBS project. The Operations Committee has been looking at allowing representatives access to the citizen's service center complaint reports. Public Safety & Health is looking at a huge communications upgrade, and President Martin added that he believes there should be more federal dollars allotted for this project and that this project should be accelerated to the extent possible. The Parks & Recreation Committee will be looking at beach and park fees; the Education Committee will be working with a new superintendent of schools and dealing with the No Child Left Behind Act and its grant funding as well as the achievement gap. Housing-

Community Development has HOPE VI, which is moving along, and President Martin is hopeful that the residents get the full power of the linkage ordinance. The Transportation Committee is taking up the RBS/Stamford Advocate parking agreement, and this decision will be needed by next week. Hopefully, they will come to an agreement on the collection of back parking tickets. President Martin hoped that State & Commerce would again invite in the legislators in January for a meeting.

a. Steering Committee – David Martin, Chair; John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair; Annie M. Summerville, Jim Diamond, Gloria DePina, Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Scott Mirkin, Mary Fedeli, Randy Skigen, Harry Day, Paul Esposito, Linda Cannady and Joseph Coppola sharing one vote, Tom Hunter, Richard Lyons, Elaine Mitchell and John Zelinsky, Jr.

b. Appointments Committee – Annie M. Summerville, Chair; John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair; Maria Aposporos, Ruby Blackwell, Gloria DePina, Art Layton, Michael Molgano, Bryan Munger and Henry Nowakowski.

c. Fiscal Committee – Randy Skigen, Chair; Linda Cannady, Vice Chair; Harry Day, Gabe DeLuca, Gloria DePina, Mary Fedeli, Anabel Figueroa, Philip Giordano, Tom Hunter, Richard Lyons and Scott Mirkin.

d. Legislative & Rules Committee – Jim Diamond, Chair; Art Layton, Vice Chair; Philip Berns, Paul Esposito, Carl Franzetti, Eileen Heaphy, Gregory Lodato, Cynthia Martin, Elaine Mitchell, Pat White and John Zelinsky, Jr.

e. Personnel Committee – Mary Fedeli, Chair; Pauline Rauh, Vice Chair; John Boccuzzi, Linda Cannady, Annette D’Orso, Anabel Figueroa, Art Layton, Queen McCullen, Michael Pavia and Randy Skigen.

f. Land Use/URC Committee – Harry Day, Chair; Pat White, Vice Chair; John Boccuzzi, James Diamond, Annette D’Orso, Carl Franzetti, Mike Lombardo, Elaine Mitchell and Annie Summerville.

g. Operations Committee – John Zelinsky, Jr., Chair; Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair; Terry Adams, Philip Berns, Joe Coppola, Tom Hunter, Gregory Lodato, John Mallozzi, Bryan Munger, Michael Pavia and Pat White.

h. Public Safety and Health Committee – Rich Lyons, Chair; Terry Adams, Maria Aposporos, Philip Berns, Joe Coppola, Gabe DeLuca, Gloria DePina, Cynthia Martin, Scott Mirkin, Jerry Pia and John Zelinsky, Jr.

i. Parks and Recreation Committee – Linda Cannady, Co-Chair; Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair; Irving Blum, Annette D’Orso, Mary Fedeli, Eileen Heaphy, Richard Lyons, John Mallozzi, Queen McCullen, Michael Pavia and Jerry Pia.

j. Education Committee – Tom Hunter, Chair; Mike Molgano, Vice Chair; Irving Blum, Carl Franzetti, Gregory Lodato, Cynthia Martin, Elaine Mitchell, Jerry Pia and

Pauline Rauh.

k. Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee – Elaine Mitchell, Chair; Phil Giordano, Vice Chair; Maria Aposporos, Ruby Blackwell, Anabel Figueroa, Queen McCullen, Mike Molgano, Bryan Munger and Henry Nowakowski.

l. Transportation Committee – Gabe DeLuca, Chair; Terry Adams, Vice Chair; Ruby Blackwell, Irving Blum, Carl Franzetti, Phil Giordano, Mike Lombardo, Scott Mirkin and John Zelinsky, Jr.

m. State & Commerce Committee – Paul Esposito, chair; Harry Day, Gabe DeLuca, Jim Diamond, Mary Fedeli, Eileen Heaphy, Mike Lombardo, John Mallozzi, Pauline Rauh, Randy Skigen and Annie Summerville.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President names and appoints members to Special Committees, if necessary. No special committees were named.

11. DECEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING. The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005. President Martin announced that the Steering Committee will meet immediately after the Regular Board Meeting. Majority Leader Boccuzzi announced that caucus will begin at 6:45 p.m.

President Martin asked for a motion to approve a [resolution](#) that will reschedule the January board meeting from January 2 to January 9, 2005. Said motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Rep. Skigen announced that the Steering Committee meeting in January would be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2005.

President Martin announced that the 27th Board Orientation, which is for all members, not just for new members, will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Clerk Summerville announced that Code Books are available in the Board Office for any representative who wishes one. The Code is also available on-line.

Clerk Summerville announced that lockers are available for any representative that wants one; they need to contact the Board Office.

President Martin announced that all board members will be receiving business cards. Clerk Summerville added that draft business cards will go out later this week; representatives should review them and let the Board Office know of any changes before printing.

President Martin announced that he is working on arranging for city email addresses so that representatives will not have to use their personal email addresses.

12. ADJOURNMENT Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The Steering Committee will hold a meeting in the Democratic Caucus Room immediately following this Organizational Meeting.