

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, July 6, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by President Domonkos.

INVOCATION: By Representative Sherer.

“Dear Lord, once again we gather in this place to provide the necessary laws and deliberations to make this City a better place in which to live. We hope that you will give us the guidance and support we need to make the right decisions and thank you for being there and in helping us in these deliberations.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen L. Domonkos

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-five (35) members present and five (5) absent: Rep. Gasparrini, DePina, Lasko, Mitchell and Spadow.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: The machine was in good working order.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Victor Bongo, by Rep. Giordano;
James E. Herrick, by Rep. Giordano;
Richard Rosenthal, by Rep. Mellis;
Joseph Sabia, by Rep. Mellis;
Anna Polit, by Reps. Loglisci and Boccuzzi;
Mary Kezel, by Rep. Drucker;
Harry Doshna, by Rep. Giordano;
Michael A. Pia, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
David Smith, by Rep. Loglisci;
Vincent J. Zaccagnino, by Rep. Loglisci;
John W. Crist, by Rep. Loglisci;
Mary B. Bellantoni, by Rep. Loglisci;
Josephine Suttile, by Rep. Loglisci; and
Clara Artone, by Reps. Boccuzzi and Fedeli.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS: By The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a [transcript](#) of Mayor Malloy's address.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Steering Committee report was waived by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair

No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meetings: Monday, June 22, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, June 22, 1998. Present were committee members Reps. Martin, Owens, Mellis, Loglisci, Coscarelli-Curtis, Shapiro, DeLuca, Nanos, Sherer and Giordano.

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| 1. F25.058
\$15,000.00
\$5,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Human Resources Division; City Training; Activity No. 4020; to fund MAA union contract requirements for manager/supervisory training.
05/08/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/19/98 - \$5,000 approved by Board of Finance
06/01/98 - Held in Committee
06/22/98 - Committee defeated 0-9-0 | DEFEATED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Secondary Committee: Personnel

Report Waived

Rep. Martin stated that the request for these funds was no longer necessary and they could be obtained in other accounts, so the Committee voted 0-9-0 to defeat this item.

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| 2. F25.062
\$254,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Smith House; to fund various account deficits in Smith House budget.
05/08/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/19/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
06/01/98 - Held in Committee
06/22/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
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*Secondary Committee: Housing, Community Development
Social Services*

Report Waived

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| 3. F25.030 | DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed by the Fiscal Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
03/11/98 - Held in Committee
04/15/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda
06/01/98 - Held in Committee | REPORT
MADE |
| 4. F25.063
\$107.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Revenue #243F1003311002; Dept. WIC, Health Department, Farmer's Market. This program received an increase in last year's allocation, and will be used for a seasonal worker.
05/20/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

05/19/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
06/22/98 - Committee approved 8-0-0

5. [F25.064](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
\$133.00 Budget); Revenue 243S1303321302; Dept. Health **CONSENT**
Department, VD Clinic, Conferences and Training. **AGENDA**
This grant has been increased by \$133 for the current
fiscal year.
06/01/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
06/22/98 - Committee approved 8-0-0

6. [F25.065](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
~~\$15,000.00~~ Budget); Activity No. 4020; Human Resources **CONSENT**
\$10,000.00 Division; Professional Consultants. The binding **AGENDA**
arbitration with the Stamford Police Assn. Will
require additional funding.
06/01/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/11/98 - \$10,000 approved by Board of Finance
06/22/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Report Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, June 29, 1998
7:00 P.M. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, June 29, 1998. Present were committee members Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Lasko, Gasparrini, Drucker, Sherer and Ventura present. Reps. Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow and Fedeli were excused. Also present were Mr. Cassone, Corporation Counsel; Richard Redniss, Judy Rubenstein and Percy Langstaff; members of the Land Use Committee; Tim Northrup and Julie Ipland from the Trust for Public Land; Robin Stein and Philip Berns; and Reps. Giordano, Boccuzzi, Domonkos and Loglisci. A public hearing was not held on Item No. 5, however, four Fairfield Avenue residents attended who believed that a public hearing was being held were allowed to speak.

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| 1. LR25.006 | REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions or changes are necessary.
01/20/98 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)
04/06/98 - Report Made
05/04/98 - Report Made
06/01/98 - Report made | REPORT
MADE |
| 2. LR25.016 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ;
amending Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinances to create a graffiti nuisance program within the DSSD.
04/28/98 - Submitted by Sandy Goldstein, Exec.
Director, DSSD
06/01/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. LR25.017 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; to update certain sections by amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "General Provisions."
05/07/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
06/01/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 4. LR25.018 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; to update certain sections by amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Finances."
05/07/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
06/01/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 5. LR25.019 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ;
concerning the sale of premises owned by the City at Fairfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut to Innis Arden Golf Club, Inc.
05/08/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/13/98 - Held in Steering Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Chair Nakian reported that the Committee requested Corporation Counsel to try and negotiate with Innis Arden safeguards concerning drainage for the surrounding neighbors. The person from Innis Arden was on vacation, therefore, the item is held until next month.

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| 6. LR25.020 | APPROVAL; of purchase and sale agreement for Blake Coleman property. | APPROVED ON
CONSENT |
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05/19/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/02/98 - Approved by Planning Board
06/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

**AGENDA (Rep.
Skigen abstained)**

Secondary Committee: Land Use

Concur

Rep. Skigen stated he would not be participating on Item No. 6.

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| 7. LR25.015 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ;
concerning a tax abatement for the Stamford Land
Conservation Trust for property on Tanglewood
Lane.
04/28/98 - Submitted by Joel Berns, Vice President,
Stamford Land Conservation Trust
06/22/98 - Committee voted 6-0-0 | APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
(Reps. Owens,
Johnson,
Summerville, and
Carter-Green
opposed; Rep.
Gaztambide
abstained) |
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Rep. Owens requested that Item No. 7 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Rep. Nakian stated that Item No. 7 was for final adoption, and issues were addressed that were brought up in Steering Committee, and the Committee was satisfied that its questions were answered. Rep. Nakian moved Item No. 7. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote with Reps. Owens, Johnson, Summerville, and Carter-Green opposed and Rep. Gaztambide abstaining.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstaining).

President Domonkos thanked the leadership at the State Legislature from the City of Stamford for helping on this item. President Domonkos introduced Senator Nickerson who was in attendance and thanked him for his work on this item.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that an unofficial Personnel Committee meeting was held on Wednesday June 24, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was continued to allow the Committee to meet at a later time regarding Item No. 1. The contract was not approved in time to hold a meeting, so the item was held until next month.

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| 1. P25.025 | APPROVAL; of an arbitration agreement between
the City of Stamford and the Stamford Police Assn. | NO REPORT |
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06/12/98 - Submitted by Randy Skigen (D-19)

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
(Report) Meeting: Monday, June 29, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Fox reported that the Land Use Committee met on Monday, June 29, 1998. Present were committee members Reps. Boccuzzi, Drucker, Fox, Loglisci, Nakian, Shapiro, Sherer and White. Rep. Spadow was excused. Also present was Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief and Cam Bui of the Engineering Department; Reps. Corelli and Domonkos; Jim Lunney of the Zoning Enforcement Department and Michael Kraynak of the Health Department.

1. [LU25.004](#) STREET ACCEPTANCE; Fox Glen Drive. **APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
(Reps. Skigen and
Martin opposed)**
04/02/98 - Submitted by Arnold M. Karp, North
Avenue Associates, LLC
05/21/98 - To be considered by City Engineer
05/04/98 - Held in Committee
06/01/98 - Held by Board of Representatives
06/29/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Rep. Fox moved Item No. 1. Said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin stated that he understands the vote of the Committee, and he believes that it is well-reasoned. He stated that he was disappointed that he was unable to work out a compromise, however, since the majority of the people in the surrounding streets are not in favor of this, he cannot support this item. The item was approved by voice vote with Reps. Skigen and Martin opposed.

2. LU25.003 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **REPORT
MADE**
by the Land Use Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
04/06/98 - Held in Committee
05/04/98 - Held in Committee
06/01/98 - Held in Committee
3. [LU25.007](#) REVIEW; Definition of "Family" in Land Use **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
codes.
5/20/98 - Submitted by Rep. Corelli

Rep. Fox reported that Item No. 3 was discussed in Committee and many issues were raised by Messrs. Lunney and Kraynak as well as other members of the Board of Representatives. Information gathering will continue, and this item will be discussed again next month.

Rep. Fox reported that the meeting was not adjourned but in fact was continued until tomorrow evening, July 7, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. where the Committee will meet with Sasaki Associates, the consultants who are preparing the Harbor Area Study. Rep. Fox invited any representatives who were interested to attend. The meeting will be held in the Government Center Democratic Caucus Room. Rep. Sherer stated that another meeting is held on Wednesday, July 8, 1998 at the Wider Center.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Bobby E. Owens, Chair

Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

(Report)

Meeting: Monday, June 22, 1998

7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. White reported that the Operations Committee met on Monday, June 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Owens, Curtis, Corelli, Nanos, Imbrogno, Martin, Zelinsky and White. Rep. Nable was excused. Also present was Rep. O'Neill and Patricia Broom, Director of Operations.

1. [O25.011](#)

RESOLUTION; regarding the Jefferson-Dock Streets Connector Project.

05/21/98 - Submitted by Patricia Broom, Dir. of Operations

06/22/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, Item No. 1 was approved.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Alice Fortunato, Chair

Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ellen Mellis, Chair

Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

(Report)

Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 1998

7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Wednesday, June 24, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Imbrogno, Giordano, Green-Carter, Nable, Poltrack, Ventura and Mellis. Reps. Alswanger and Esposito were excused. Also in attendance was Superintendent Michael Nast and Pupil Personnel Director Dr. John Abbott.

1. E25.003 REVIEW; of the Special Education Program **REPORT**
including criteria for placement and/or **MADE**
mainstreaming of students with special needs.
01/30/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)
03/02/98 - Held in Committee
04/15/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda

2. E25.024 REVIEW; Project Choice and its implications for **REPORT**
enrollment balance, estimated number of students **MADE**
and coordination of curricula.
06/05/98 - Submitted by Susan Nabel (D-20)

Rep. Mellis stated that a report was provided to each member, and no action was taken on either item.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Jeffrey Curtis, Chair

Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair

No report.

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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, June 22, 1998

6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Drucker reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Monday, June 22, 1998. Present were committee members Reps. Mobilio, Giordano, Drucker, Green-Carter, Mitchell, Gaztambide, Johnson, Mellis and Coscarelli-Curtis. Also in attendance were Tim Beeble and Sandra Dennies.

1. HCD25.07 REVIEW; status report on Community Development **REPORT**
Block Grant Funding for Year 23. **MADE**

06/09/98 - Submitted by Elaine Mitchell (D-2)

Rep. Drucker stated that Tim Beeble will be providing the Committee with a comprehensive report on the use of funds for the Year 23.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
([Report](#)) Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. DeLuca stated that the Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, July 1, 1998. Present were committee members Reps. DeLuca, Johnson and Zelinsky. Also present were Frank Fedeli, Captain Steve DeVito.

1. [T25.010](#) REVIEW; feasibility of towing and booting cars that are violating the residential parking permit ordinance. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
06/01/98 - Submitted by Mary Fedeli
2. [T25.011](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending the Helicopter Ordinance to include amendments to State Public Act 98-78. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
05/13/98 - Submitted by Gabe DeLuca (R-14)
05/13/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda

Rep. DeLuca stated that both items were held in Committee.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair
Meeting: Friday, June 26, 1998
6:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Ventura reported that the Administration & Technology Committee met four times on this matter.

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 1998; present were committee members Reps. Ventura and Summerville; Reps. DePina, Mitchell, Mellis and Shapiro were excused. President Domonkos, Valerie Pankosky and Eva Weller were also present. At this meeting a teleconference was held with American Legal Publishing, one of several companies that responded the RFP issued in March.

The Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 1998; present were committee members Ventura, Mitchell, Shapiro and Summerville; Reps. DePina, Mellis and Owens were excused. Also present was a representative of Municipal Code; Steve Bonaparte of the Information Services Department; Valerie Pankosky and Eva Weller. A presentation was made by Municipal Code Corporation, another respondent to the RFP.

The Committee met on Friday, June 26, 1998; present were committee members Mellis, Summerville, Mitchell and Ventura; Reps. DePina and Owens were excused. Also present were President Domonkos, Valerie Pankosky and Eva Weller and a representative from Book Publishing, another respondent to the RFP.

The Committee met again on Friday, June 26, 1998 after the presentation by Book Publishing where the Committee voted 4-0-0 to use \$2,000 from the 1998 budget to convert the Code of Ordinances to an electronic system.

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| 1. AT25.002 | REVIEW; Request for Proposal issued by Board of Representatives Office to implement electronic search and retrieval system.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
04/06/98 - No report
05/04/98 - Held in Committee
06/02/98 - Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
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HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair
No meeting.

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| 1. H25.001 | DISCUSSION; planning for 50 th Anniversary Event for present and former representatives.
04/13/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos | NO REPORT |
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| 2. H25.002 | DISCUSSION; planning for Board Workshop to determine priorities for current term.
04/13/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
05/04/98 - Held in Committee
06/01/98 - Report made | NO REPORT |
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKS Jeff Curtis, Co-chair
Paul Esposito, Co-chair

Rep. Curtis stated the Committee met for informational purposes. The Committee asked the City to provide the Committee with additional information and another meeting will be scheduled.

SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE: Maria Nakian, Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 1998
5:30 p.m. - Board of Finance Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Special Revaluation Committee met on June 23, 1998. Present were Reps. Nakian, Andrew McDonald of the Board of Finance, Messrs. Hamilton and Kirwin from the Office of Administration and Messrs. Robinson and Cassone from the Office of Legal Affairs.

1. REVIEW; Revaluation for 1999. **REPORT
MADE**

Rep. Nakian reported that the purpose of the meeting turned out to be the announcement that in interviewing the six firms who had responded to the RFP, it was evident that everybody derived different meanings from the RFP. It was decided it was in the best interests of the City to clarify the RFP and to reissue it. The intention is to still maintain the original time frame. The Law Department is going to re-issue the RFP within a week, allowing a two-week period for the firms to respond. It is anticipated that the Board of Finance will vote on this at a special meeting in July and come to the Board of Representatives for the August board meeting. This will allow the revaluation to go along as originally scheduled.

Rep. Nakian stated that it appears a significant problem is that the State is in the process of issuing new guidelines, but it has not done so yet, so the RFP has to reflect the fact that the guidelines may change in midstream, and the company needs to accommodate these changes.

Rep. Nakian stated a committee meeting will be held next month.

President Domonkos asked what the time frame for the revaluation is. Rep. Nakian responded that there is a very short period of time to accomplish this project, so that it can be implemented for the upcoming Grand List, and if it does not come to the boards for approval in August, there will probably be problems in keeping to the time frame.

President Domonkos stated that the Grand List of 1998 is verified in February or March of 1999. Rep. Nakian stated she would provide all representatives with information as received.

President Domonkos confirmed that the members of the Committee are: Reps. Nakian, Fedeli, Spandow and Curtis.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;
congratulating The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry on
his twenty-five years of service as Pastor of Union
Baptist Church.
06/17/98 - Submitted by Steering Committee
07/06/98 - Sponsored by entire Board
- APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Rep. Zelinsky requested that his name be added as a sponsor to the resolution. Rep. Summerville stated that at the request of Rep. Loglisci, the resolution be amended to be sponsored by the full Board of Representatives. Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the resolution was approved.

MINUTES

1. [June 1, 1998 Regular Meeting](#)
- APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE (as
amended)**

Rep. Zelinsky stated that some of his comments on Page 14 were erroneous and he requested that they be transcribed verbatim. President Domonkos stated that minutes are not transcribed verbatim as they would simply be too long, however, if Rep. Zelinsky wanted to provide written comments, they would be included. Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that at Rep. Zelinsky's request the Board Office will transcribe his comments verbatim from the taped proceedings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Rep. Domonkos notified representatives that there is a small amount of money in the budget for conferences for representatives to attend some of the CCM forums. CCM is holding its 1998 convention on October 8, 1998, and copies of the announcement will be provided to all representatives. If any representative is interested in attending, they should contact the Board Office.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rep. Zelinsky stated that Rep. Boccuzzi did an outstanding job as president at last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Note: A tape of these proceedings is available in the Board of Representatives office.