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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Aldermanic Affairs Committee

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Aldermanic Affairs Committee of the Board of Alders will meet on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/3vpeIZL> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 980 5889 0214, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

- 1) [LM-2021-0255](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA VEREEN TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.
- 2) [LM-2021-0256](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DARRELL BROOKS TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.
- 3) [LM-2021-0251](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF IAN CHRISTMANN TO THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY BOARD.
- 4) [LM-2021-0215](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF YOON SEOK- GEORGE LEE TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.
- 5) [LM-2021-0252](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GRISEL AGUILAR-COBOS TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.
- 6) [LM-2021-0253](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY MONGILLO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.
- 7) [LM-2021-0254](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMEN RODRIGUEZ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Per Order: Hon. Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair;
Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202 at 200 Orange Street; New Haven, CT 06510.

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Public can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3vpelZL> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 980 5889 0214. The password to listen by phone only is 806919198.

Minutes

Alder Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present were Alders Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair; Evette Hamilton, Vice Chair; Evelyn Rodriguez; Ron Hurt; and Eli Sabin.

Non-committee members include Alders Gerald M. Antunes, Abigail Roth, and Salvatore DeCola.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA VEREEN TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Barbara Vereen, 80 Pond Street, spoke of her interest in serving on the Fire Commission. Spoke about how she has been a life-long New Haven resident.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Ms. Vereen spoke about she has reached out and confirmed when the Fire Commission meets, and she is available during those times to attend the meetings.

In response to Alder Sabin, Ms. Vereen spoke about how it is important to her that our firefighters are representative of New Haven.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DARRELL BROOKS TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Darrell Brooks, 170 Stevenson Road, spoke of his interest to serve as a Police Commissioner.

In response to Alder Ferraro-Santana, Mr. Brooks confirmed he had attended a training session for the Police Commission and was available to attend the meetings.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Brooks reviewed his service to New Haven over the years including retiring after 25 years as a firefighter. Spoke of his experience serving the city throughout the years and how he thinks his experience will help him in his service on the Police

Commission. Reviewed how he wants to work with the other commissioners to improve the New Haven Police Department.

In response to Alder Hurt, Mr. Brooks reviewed how the city should have people that look and represent the makeup of New Haven. Spoke of how one of the ways for the city to build trust is to have members of the command structure that represent New Haven and look like the communities' they serve. Reviewed how his experience will help him convey the importance of having a command structure that reflects New Haven.

In response to Alder Sabin, Mr. Brooks reviewed how he does believe that New Haven should have the right to oversee the Yale Police Department. Spoke of how public safety is dear to his heart and he understands the importance of working with the police department as he has worked with them over the years in his role as a firefighter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF IAN CHRISTMANN TO THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY BOARD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ian Christmann, 475 Quinnipiac Avenue, spoke of his interest in serving on this board.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Christmann spoke of how the past couple of years he had worked with community members to oppose the expansion of the Wheeler Street Transfer Station. Reviewed how he has traveled extensively and understands that trash is a global. Spoke of how he would like to understand how our tax funds are spent in regard to how much we are paying for trash vs. recycling.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved to give leave to withdraw to item # 3, seconded by Alder Hamilton. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

4. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF YOON SEOK- GEORGE LEE TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Yoon Seok-George Lee, 334 St. John Street, 1st Floor, spoke of his interest to serve on this board.

In response to Alder Ferraro-Santana, Mr. Lee reviewed how he has not attended any meetings and does not know the time but will be available.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Lee reviewed how he recently became a US citizen and was limited in the past from serving because of his immigration status. Reviewed how he heard about the board from Chris Mordecai, who currently serves on this board.

In response to Alder Sabin, he spoke of his experience as a realtor in Connecticut and New York. Spoke about due to his limited experience serving on boards, he will be deferring to other members and willing to help out as he learns.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved to amend the term expiration date of item # 4 to February 1, 2023, seconded by Alder Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved, and the motion passed.

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

5. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GRISEL AGUILAR-COBOS TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Grisel Aguilar-Cobos, 180 Lamberton Street, spoke of her interest in serving on the Commission of Disabilities.

In response to Alders Ferraro-Santana and Hamilton, Ms. Aguilar-Cobos spoke of her availability to attend meetings.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Aguilar-Cobos spoke of her experience as a mother of a disabled son and her experience of more than 20 years working in various positions assisting others.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

6. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY MONGILLO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Wendy Mongillo, 12 Oliver Road, spoke of her interest in continuing to serve on the Civil Service Board.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

7. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMEN RODRIGUEZ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was given.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Sabin moved items # 1, 2, 4 as amended, 5, 6, and 7, seconded by Alder E. Rodriguez. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

Alder Ferraro Santana moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Sabin. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:05 p.m.

Alder Hurt moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Sabin. The motion was unanimously approved. Adjourn: 7:10 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders's YouTube channel here:

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II