

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, August 25, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.**

**Aldermanic Chambers**

**Aldermanic Affairs Committee**

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Aldermanic Affairs Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut, to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2025-0403](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TYSHAWN WALKER TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
- 2) [LM-2025-0405](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA WEINER TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
- 3) [LM-2025-0394](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSE CAMPBELL TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 4) [LM-2025-0401](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LASHAUNDA CRUZ TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 5) [LM-2025-0402](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LOGAN JOHNSON TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 6) [LM-2025-0396](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISHANA WHITE TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 7) [LM-2025-0338](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANYNE MERCER TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.
- 8) [LM-2025-0347](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER IRBY TO THE GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 9) [LM-2025-0348](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCUS T. HARVIN TO THE HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.
- 10) [LM-2025-0420](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC MASTROIANNI, SR. TO THE HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.
- 11) [LM-2025-0397](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY CATES TO THE HUMANE COMMISSION.

- 12) [LM-2025-0352](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LANA HARRISON TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.
- 13) [LM-2025-0349](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUIS VICTORI TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.
- 14) [LM-2025-0344](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF YEXANDRA DIAZ TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
- 15) [LM-2025-0423](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GASTON NEVILLE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.
- 16) [LM-2025-0353](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ADDIE KIMBROUGH TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.
- 17) [LM-2025-0398](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MRINAALINI (RANIA) DAS TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION AS A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.
- 18) [LM-2025-0407](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANGELINA WILSON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

Per Order: Hon. Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

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## Minutes

Monday, August 25, 2025      6:00 p.m.   Aldermanic Chamber

Alder Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present were Alders Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair; Evelyn Rodriguez; Theresa Morant; and Angel Hubbard.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Adam J. Marchand.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TYSHAWN WALKER TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Tyshawn "Tai" Walker, 199 Lenox Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Development Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Walker discussed background and skills and how they apply to the Development Commission. It will depend on the dates and times of the field reviews whether he will be able to attend or not. He confirmed he will be able to attend meetings.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Walker confirmed he does not know anyone that currently sits on the commission.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 1 and 2, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA WEINER TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rebecca Weiner, 187 Willard Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Development Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Weiner discussed how she is huge supporter of New Haven. Reviewed how she has been watching Development Commission meetings and is impressed with how the current commissioners want to be more active.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 1 and 2, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSE CAMPBELL TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jesse Campbell, 289 Highland Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Campbell confirmed he wanted to attend meetings this summer, but the commission was in recess. He believes that no one should be the subject of discrimination.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Campbell discussed how he is a huge advocate for children and will be able to attend meetings.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 3, 4, 5, and 6, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All 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 LASHAUNDA CRUZ TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lashaunda Cruz, 396 Sherman Avenue, spoke in support of her appointment to the Commission on Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Cruz discussed her interest in serving on this commission. She has not attended any meetings.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 3, 4, 5, and 6, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

5. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LOGAN JOHNSON TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Logan Johnson, 801 Forest Road, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on

Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Johnson spoke about his work experience and how it applies to this commission.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 3, 4, 5, and 6, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

#### 6. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISHANA WHITE TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chrishana White, 185 Kneeland Road, spoke in support of her appointment to the Commission on Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. White discussed her background as an attorney and working with strategic equity leadership makes her a good fit for this commission. Talked about she wants to give back to her community and extend the work she does for companies in her community to ensure people have equal access.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 3, 4, 5, and 6, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

#### 7. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANYNE MERCER TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Danyne Mercer, 422 Legion Avenue, spoke in support of her appointment to the Food Policy Council.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Mercer discussed how the past couple of years she has been volunteering with community gardens and seed libraries. She has not attended Food Policy Council meetings but has attended other community meetings regarding food insecurity.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Mercer spoke about how she would share with the community the knowledge she learns from sitting on the council. When she harvested her plot, it was just not for her household but for the community.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 7, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

8. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER IRBY TO THE GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Christopher Irby, 1767 Quinnipiac Avenue, spoke in support of his appointment to the Transit District Board.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Irby discussed his experience and why he wants to serve on this commission.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 8, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

9. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCUS T. HARVIN TO THE HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Marcus T. Harvin, 4 Garden Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Homeless Advisory Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Harvin discussed his background, and how he believes in spreading H.O.P.E. – helping overlooked people excel.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Harvin confirmed he knew this was not the Food Policy Council but got involved with the unhoused community through Haven Harvest.

In response to Alder Hubbard, Mr. Harvin confirmed he will be early to attend meetings. He discussed his intention with sharing his story, and how he does it for the shock value because he wants people to feel some of what he felt.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 9 and 10, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

10. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC MASTROIANNI, SR. TO THE HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Eric Mastroianni, Sr., 1552 State Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Homeless Advisory Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Mastroianni discussed his background, and how he has been homeless in the past. He is a Shriner and raises various resources through his connections including backpacks, formula, cell phones, etc. for various nonprofit initiatives in New Haven. Discussed importance to use this commission to help give people a step up to a better life. Everyone in this city matters. He wants to use his resources to help this commission help residents.

Mr. Mastroianni spoke of the importance of seeking out the homeless to help them access resources. Discussed the importance of understanding the whole situation.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Mastroianni discussed his resources, access to the VA, and background. He has the manpower and resources to serve as a resource. He confirmed he knows and has time to serve on this commission.

In response to Alder Morant, Mr. Mastroianni reviewed his knowledge of the hotel for unhoused people on Foxon Boulevard. His understanding is it is a transition place. Never look down on someone unless you are going to help raise them up.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 9 and 10, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

11. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY CATES TO THE HUMANE COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Brittany Cates, 382 Yale Avenue, spoke in support of her appointment to the Humane Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Cates discussed her background as an attorney both litigating dog bite cases and as an advocate on behalf of animals. Discussed how as an attorney she gets to be creative and hopes to be able to bring creative solutions to this commission.

COMMITTEE ACTION



Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 11, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

12. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LANA HARRISON TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lana Harrison, 699 Elm Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Livable City Initiative Board. Discussed her experience and support of Livable City Initiative and the work they are completing.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Harrison confirmed she does not know anyone that sits on the Livable City Initiative Board or the director of Livable City Initiative personally.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 12, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

13. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUIS VICTORI TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved to give item # 13 leave to withdraw, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item was given leave to withdraw.

14. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF YEXANDRA DIAZ TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Yexandra Diaz, 505 Huntington Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Youth Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Diaz discussed her experience working with youth including in her work and experience as a mother and foster mother. She will be able to use her resources in service to this commission. She shared how she works with and provides a connection with the

arts.

In response to Alder Hubbard, Ms. Diaz discussed her work background and how it intersects with this commission. Confirmed she has flexibility and will be able to attend the commission's meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 14, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

#### 15. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GASTON NEVILLE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Gaston Neville, 81 Barnett Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Neville discussed his educational background and confirmed he understands this board is active and has long meetings. Confirmed he has not attended any meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved item # 15, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

#### 16. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ADDIE KIMBROUGH TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 16, 17, and 18, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

#### 17. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MRINAALINI (RANIA) DAS TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION AS A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 16, 17, and 18, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

18. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANGELINA WILSON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved items # 16, 17, and 18, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:15 p.m.

Alder Evelyn Rodriguez moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 7:36 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders' YouTube channel here:  
<https://youtube.com/@boardofalders8363>.

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