

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM

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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, October 27, 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-2025-0517](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARMONT LITTLE TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
- 2) [LM-2025-0467](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELE (MICHE) PALMER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- 3) [LM-2025-0514](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF YOUNG IN KIM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER.
- 4) [LM-2025-0406](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOPE VAUGHN TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.
- 5) [LM-2025-0516](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN RECALDE TO THE HUMANE COMMISSION.
- 6) [LM-2025-0477](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE TORRES-ROSA TO THE PEACE COMMISSION.
- 7) [LM-2025-0520](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CALEB ORTIZ DIAZ TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
- 8) [LM-2025-0523](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ABIE QUIÑONES-BENÍTEZ TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- 9) [LM-2025-0522](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ORLANDO YARBOROUGH III TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- 10) [LM-2025-0515](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PAMELA ALLEN TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 11) [LM-2025-0521](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN WINTER TO THE NEW HAVEN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

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## Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. Aldermanic Chamber

Alder Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Alders Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair; Evette Hamilton, Vice-Chair; Evelyn Rodriguez; and Angel Hubbard.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARMONT LITTLE TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELE (MICHE) PALMER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Miche Palmer, 332 Front Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council.

In response to Alder Santana, Mx. Palmer reviewed her background and work in environmental

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mx. Palmer confirmed she is available to attend the council's meetings.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mx. Palmer discussed how the youth are important to our future today, as well as a vulnerable population. Reviewed the work URI does with the Sound School and city youth. Spoke about how although students may not go directly into environmental studies, they have an environmental ethic that will serve them well in their chosen careers.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Evelyn Rodriguez. 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 YOUNG IN KIM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AS AN ALTERNATE

MEMBER.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Young In Kim, 242 Elm Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Kim discussed his work in high school with New Haven Climate Movement. He would like to see more work completed regarding limiting air pollution to help decrease New Haven's high asthma rates.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Kim confirmed he understands he is being appointed as an alternate member and is available and plans on attending all meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Evelyn Rodriguez. 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 HOPE VAUGHN TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Hope Vaughn, 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue, spoke in support of her appointment to the Fair Rent Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Vaughn discussed her passion for serving on the Fair Rent Commission and a passion for people. Reviewed her experience with Fair Rent Commission and how it helped her navigate an unfair rent increase.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Vaughn discussed how she is an administrative assistant. Confirmed she has not had an opportunity to attend Fair Rent Commission meetings yet.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Ms. Vaughn confirmed she does not know when the Fair Rent Commission meets.

Sean Mattison, 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue; Gregory Edwards, 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue; and 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue, spoke in support of Ms. Vaughn's appointment to the Fair Rent Commission. Discussed Ms. Vaughn's work with the Quinnipiac Tenant's Union and willingness to help neighbors stay informed.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 4, 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 JONATHAN RECALDE TO THE HUMANE COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Johnathan Recalde, 833 Elm Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Humane Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Mr. Recalde discussed his passion for dogs, volunteer work at the New Haven shelter, and establishment of The Elm City Dog Project.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Recalde discussed how he has worked with the shelter in Branford and other rescue groups, so he can learn about other initiatives to bring them back to New Haven. Reviewed how he is working to bring a run to New Haven in memory of loss pets like what they have in Branford by working with the runner group in New Haven. Spoke of the importance of educating and exposing people to the option of fostering pets.

Discussed his experience at New Haven Reads and the importance of educating children proper dog care.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Recalde confirmed he is available to attend meetings. His ultimate goal is to stop animals from needing to be sent to the shelter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 5, 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 JACQUELINE TORRES ROSA TO THE PEACE COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jacqueline Lorthe, 365 Orchard Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Peace Commission.

In response to Alder Santana, Ms. Lorthe spoke about her experience and how important peace is to her and developing better relationships in the community. Ms. Lorthe confirmed she had recently changed her name to Lorthe.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Lorthe confirmed she is available to attend meetings.

Joanne Wilcox, 1135 Forest Road, spoke in support of Ms. Lorthe's appointment to the Peace

Commission.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 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 CALEB ORTIZ DIAZ TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

8. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ABIE QUIÑONES BENÍTEZ TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 8, 9, 10, and 11, 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF ORLANDO YARBOROUGH III TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Antonia Osburne, 62 Lawncrest Road; Gladis Idrovo, 32 Bright Street; Geraldien Cruz, 29 Rowe Street; Ruth Gil, 64 Chamberlain Street; Diane Torres, 368 Summer Street; and Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin, Chief, Youth, Family and Community Engagement, New Haven Public Schools; and James Golden, 108 Morris Street; spoke in support of Dr. Yarborough's reappointment to the Board of Education.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 8, 9, 10, and 11, 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF PAMELA ALLEN TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 8, 9, 10, and 11, 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN WINTER TO THE NEW HAVEN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 8, 9, 10, and 11, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Evette Hamilton moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Evelyn Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:17 p.m.

Alder Evette Hamilton moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 7:31 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