

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, June 23, 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, June 23, 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-2025-0187](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AUGUST RIOS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION.
- 2) [LM-2025-0185](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD HAGEMANN TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
- 3) [LM-2025-0289](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY SEYUE TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.
- 4) [LM-2025-0290](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY (JEF) WILSON TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.
- 5) [LM-2025-0284](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KENYA ADAMS-MARTIN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- 6) [LM-2025-0285](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARL BABB TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- 7) [LM-2025-0286](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARVEY FEINBERG TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- 8) [LM-2025-0287](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY ANN MORAN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- 9) [LM-2025-0288](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILY SIGMAN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- 10) [LM-2025-0205](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW MAKOMENAW TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
- 11) [LM-2025-0295](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE MASSARO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE

BOARD.

- 12) [LM-2025-0172](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ALISHA CRUTCHFIELD TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
- 13) [LM-2025-0294](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF (IFE)MICHELLE GARDIN TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
- 14) [LM-2025-0293](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY GAMBA TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.
- 15) [LM-2025-0300](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BITA TAUBES TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.
- 16) [LM-2025-0297](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN RUSSO TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.
- 17) [LM-2025-0296](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DUSTIN NORD TO THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
- 18) [LM-2025-0302](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GIOVANNI ZINN TO THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
- 19) [LM-2025-0291](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF OLIVER AUGUSTIN TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
- 20) [LM-2025-0301](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN WILSON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

Per Order: Hon. Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

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## Minutes

Alder Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

### 1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AUGUST RIOS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

August Rios, 345 Temple Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Affordable Housing Commission. Mr. Rios discussed the reasons he wants to serve on this commission.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Rios discussed his work with South Carolina Appleseed Project, as a policy tracker. Reviewed how they supported a bill that would help tenants, who had the stain of an eviction on their records, when the cases did not result in a favor finding for the landlords.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Rios discussed how he has completed community outreach in New Haven including passing out flyers. Spoke about the difficulties of reaching people when they are working. Discussed the importance of defining what affordability means, so they can address the needs of families in specific income brackets. Confirmed he has not been able to attend Affordable Housing Commission meetings in the past due to a conflict with one of his classes, which has been resolved. Stated that he would be attending the Affordable Housing Commission meeting this Wednesday.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Rios confirmed he is available to attend the Affordable Housing Commission meetings.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Mr. Rios spoke about how he hopes to stay in the Northeast.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 1, 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 RICHARD HAGEMANN TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Richard Hagemann, 132 Edwards Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Cultural

Affairs Commission. Mr. Hagemann spoke about his work with the New Haven Music School and New Haven Symphony Orchestra.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Hagemann confirmed if appointed to the Cultural Affairs Commission, he will ensure that his class schedule allows him to attend the Cultural Affairs Commission meetings.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Hagemann heard about the Cultural Affairs Commission from a colleague, who serves on a different city board. Discussed how excited he is to see where this leads.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 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 HENRY SEYUE TO THE COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Henry Seyue, 440 Eastern Street, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Mr. Seyue discussed his interest in serving on the Commission on Equal Opportunities.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Seyue discussed his work on Cannabis laws.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Seyue reviewed his work with the community by returning to work with teachers and confirmed his ability to attend the meetings of the commissions.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 3, 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 JEFFREY (JEF) WILSON TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jeffrey Wilson, 303 Greenwich Avenue, spoke in support of his appointment to the Livable City Initiative Board. Discussed his experience working and living in New Haven and how he wants to help people find affordable housing.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Wilson spoke about how the issue with his neighbor regarding property lines has escalated, and he needs to seek legal counsel to proceed. Mr. Wilson discussed how he is looking forward to being a more active community member in The Hill. Reviewed how he is not sure yet how his work as a realtor will assist him on this board.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Wilson confirmed that none of the boards he had selected on his application were offered to him.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Mr. Wilson discussed how once confirmed he will put the meetings on his calendar and will attend.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved to give item # 4 leave to withdraw, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item was given leave to withdraw.

5. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KENYA ADAMS MARTIN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Kenya Adams Martin, 26 Ridge Street, spoke in support of her appointment to the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Ms. Adams Martin discussed the importance of being a voice on the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.

In response to Alder Hogan, Ms. Adams Martin spoke about her three favorite parks: Wood and East Rock Pavilion. Discussed how she gave her top two, as they are all important to the community.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Adams Martin discussed the most important thing for our parks is safety and cleanliness.

#### 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 CARL BABB TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

7. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARVEY FEINBERG TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Harvey Feinberg, 189 Westwood Road, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Mr. Feinberg discussed how he has served on the old park commission for 23 years, and how most New Haveners live within 10 minutes of a park.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Feinberg spoke about how he lives near Edgewood Park and has since he was 10 years old. Discussed how this park is one of his favorites. Spoke about the canoeing program they had in the past that they are trying to resurrect. Reviewed projects he would like to see completed including ensuring splash pads that have been installed are operational and more are installed, installing a more accessible water source, and ensuring safety.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Mr. Feinberg discussed how Parks Department has a watering truck, but currently they are looking for a grant to hire a driver, so they can have trees planted by URI and have a way of watering them. Reviewed the camps available at a nominal cost.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton 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 MARY ANN MORAN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mary Ann Moran spoke in support of her appointment to the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.



In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Ms. Moran spoke of the importance of the parks to New Haven residents. Discussed the significance of Chatham and Quinnipiac River parks to their communities. Spoke about the importance of the community gardens, and how they provide much needed fresh food for families.

Ms. Moran discussed how the children advocated for the splash pad in the Quinnipiac River Park.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Moran discussed the importance of parks for neighborhood families, and how the parks are a significant part of people's lives.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton 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 EMILY SIGMAN TO THE COMMISSION ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Emily Sigman, 459 Dixwell Avenue, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Ms. Sigman spoke about how she was recently appointed to the old Parks Commission and wants to continue serve on the new commission. Discussed the importance of the legacy of service on the Parks Commission. Spoke about doing things differently, making parks more accessible across the city.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Ms. Sigman discussed how she has spoken with New Haven educators to use park spaces to educate students.

In response to Alder Hogan, Ms. Sigman confirmed her favorite park is Beaver Ponds, as she lives close to that park. Her other favorite parks are East Rock Park and a green space that she hopes will be a park one day on Shelton Avenue: Everybody Park. Reviewed how she has been researching tapping the trees in Beaver Ponds and expects to have more information based on her research next year.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 9, 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 MATTHEW MAKOMENAW TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Matthew Makomenaw, 151 Curtis Drive, spoke in support of his appointment to the Commission on Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Mr. Makomenaw discussed how he had lived in New Haven for 17 years and been a part of the Yale community. Spoke about how he had always been passionate about education and college access – wealth and career access.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE MASSARO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

12. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ALISHA CRUTCHFIELD TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Alisha Crutchfield, 75 Cleveland Road, spoke in support of her appointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

In response to Alder Ferrara Santana, Ms. Crutchfield discussed how she volunteers in the community, uses her business to promote local artists, and donates to local artist organizations.

In response to Alder Hamilton, Ms. Crutchfield spoke about how she has stepped down from a different board that met at the same time, so she can be available to attend the Cultural Affairs Commission meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved item # 12, seconded by Alder Evelyn Rodriguez. 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF (IFE)MICHELLE GARDIN TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

14. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY GAMBA TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

15. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BITA TAUBES TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

16. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN RUSSO TO THE LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE BOARD.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

17. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DUSTIN NORD TO THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

18. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GIOVANNI ZINN TO THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

19. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF OLIVER AUGUSTIN TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

## 20. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN WILSON TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Evette Hamilton moved items # 11, 13-20, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. All the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and all these items passed.

Alder Evette Hamilton moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Angel Hubbard. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:45 p.m.

Alder Evette Hamilton moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Evelyn Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 9:09 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