

MAYOR  
CAROLINE SIMMONS



**Social Services Commission**  
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair  
Kathleen Lombardo  
Ellen Petersen  
Renai Strother

Stamford Social Services Commission Meeting  
888 Washington Blvd.  
Stamford, CT. 06901

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:30 P.M. Via Zoom  
Draft Minutes**

**Attendees**

Commissioners:  
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair  
Ellen Petersen  
Kate Lombardo  
Renai Strother

City of Stamford  
Sharona Cowan, Social Services Director

Members of the Public:  
None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman at 4:43 P.M.

**Minutes**

The minutes for January 17th and February 18th, 2023 were accepted unanimously. The minutes for April 26, 2023 were accepted by the two Commissioners who attended.

**Public**

No one from the public was in attendance.

**Report from the Social Services Director**

Six Fair Rent hearings are ready to be heard. The hearing scheduled for the current meeting will be rescheduled due to Complainant's illness. There has been no response

from the Landlord. Commissioner Teichman requested a Certified Letter be sent to the Landlord. The Fair Rent hearing scheduled for today will be rescheduled for May 23, 2023, pending the completion of the Board of Health.

A new Social Services Commissioner has been appointed We will reach out to the Mayor's office for her contact information and invite her to the next Commission meeting.

### **Old Business**

The Legal Dept. reviewed the Social Services Commission By-Laws and made "language" edits that did not affect the intent of the document.. Legal approved the ability of the Commission to meet with a quorum for Fair Rent and Human Rights hearings, and make related Fair Rent and Human Rights decisions also with a quorum present. Commissioner Temlock Teichman moved to accept the By-Laws as amended by Legal, and in PDF format. Commissioner Strother seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New government E-mail addresses have been created for Commissioners using the Microsoft Outlook platform and are accessible using the Microsoft 365 application.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Petersen requested and was encouraged to continue researching how E.E.O. and Human Rights function within Social Services Commissions throughout towns in Connecticut.

Commissioner Lombardo contributed that the CT. Food Bank hired a Personnel Company to recruit staff to fill needed positions within the food bank.

Commissioner Temock Teichman requested a fifteen-minute training for Commissioners in the use of Outlook to enable the Commissioners to use their new government email addresses.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023, at 4:30 P.M.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 P.M.