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

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 4:30 P.M. Via Zoom  
Draft Minutes

**Attendees**

Commissioners:

Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair  
Ellen Petersen  
Linda Gornitsky

City of Stamford:

Sharona Cowan, Director of Housing Services  
Janeene Freeman, Assistant to the Mayor

Members of the Public:

Sue Halpern  
Frances Lane

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman called the meeting to order at 4:36 P.M.

**Open for Public Comment**

No comments from members of the public.

**Report from the Director of Housing Services**

There has been one new Fair Rent complaint since our last meeting. Three complaints are awaiting final agreements and will hopefully close soon.

The Director has been making presentations on various aspects of housing services to interested constituencies.

### **Old Business**

The Commission members discussed the status of our request to the legal department concerning the possibility of conducting focus groups to help determine human rights concerns in the City of Stamford. In the interest of moving forward with our continuing efforts to fill our role as Human Rights Commission, as per the Charter and the City ordinances, the Commission decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, and invite members of the legal department and other interested parties to meet with us.

The Greater Cities project will be meeting tomorrow. Commissioner Gornitsky will attend that meeting.

### **New Business**

Chairperson Temlock Teichman met with the Director of Health to discuss the current operations of Social Services personnel and services.

The Ferguson library is working on a City Resource Guide that will be available on their website.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Gornitsky moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Petersen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.