# MAYOR CAROLINE SIMMONS



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

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

Monday, June 10, 2024, 4:00 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 and Social Services Commission Coordinator Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff Janeene Freeman, Assistant to the Mayor Amy Livolsi, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Members of the Public:

None

#### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M.

## **Open for Public Comment**

No comments from members of the public.

#### **Old Business**

The Commission members and staff members from the various City of Stamford departments discussed our role as a Human Rights Commission.

Amy Livolsi, Assistant Corporation Counsel, spoke about concerns of the Legal Department if we were to conduct Human Rights violation hearings. However, the Legal Departments has no concerns with the Commission conducting focus groups to help determine human rights needs and issues in the City.

Moving forward, Chair Temlock Teichman and Commissioner Gornitsky will meet with Ms. Livolsi to discuss the focus group procedures in relation to Freedom of Information requirements.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Social Services Commission will begin at 4:30 P.M. on June 26, 2024, with a Fair Rent hearing to follow at 5:00 P.M.

## <u>Adjournment</u>

Commissioner Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gornitsky seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.