

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 23, 2023

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 00:50:45)

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Sweet then read the Land Acknowledgement followed by a moment of silence.

Z= On Zoom P= In Person

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dominique Baez (P)	Abdul Osmanu (P)
	Katie Kiely (P)	Jeron Alston (Z)
	Lesley DeNardis (Z)	Ted Stevens (Z)
	Sarah Gallagher (Z)	Paula Irvin (Z)
	Laurie Sweet (P)	Adrian Webber (Z)
	Bob Anthony (P)	Cory O'Brien (Z)
	Justin Farmer (Z)	Kristen Zaehring (P)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wetmore

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Baez moved a motion to go into Executive Session which includes the Council, Town Attorney Sue Gruen, Fire Chief Jeffrey Naples, Attorney Nick Grello. Seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously.

In Executive Session @ 7:23pm

Ms. Baez called them out of Executive Session unanimously @ 8:02 pm

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Vote – Approval of Resolution of the Legislative Council Consenting to Settlement Town of Hamden and IAFF, 2023-A-0036

-- Moved by Mr. Anthony, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)

Ms. Baez requested a motion to suspend their Standing Rules. Moved by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved with 2 abstentions (Farmer) (O'Brien)

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION (ARPA Program Requests):

There were 5 written suggestions sent in which can be seen here:

1. Submitted in writing by Diane Hoffman

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7730/Diane-Hoffman-ARPA-suggestion>

2. Submitted in writing by Patricia Vener Saavedra

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7720/Patricia-Vener-Saavedra-ARPA-suggestion>

3. Submitted in writing by Nancy Dudchik, President, Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7726/Nanncy-Dudchik-ARPA-suggestion>

4. Submitted in writing by Allen Lowe

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7727/Allen-Lowe-ARPA-suggestion>

5. Submitted in writing by Yolanda Russell

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7733/Yolanda-Russell-ARPA-suggestion>

(Written comments can be sent to LCpublicinput@hamden.com)

There were 7 speakers with the following suggestions:

1. Hamden Partnership for Young Children: (In person speaker)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7718/HPYC-ARPA-Presentation-Jan-2023>
2. Hamden Fire Chief Jeffrey Naples: (In person speaker)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7719/Hamden-Fire-Department-ARPA-Request-LC-Presentation>
3. Hamden Chamber of Commerce: Nancy Dudchik (Zoom audience speaker) (Urges consideration of the needs for Hamden small businesses and non-profits. Gave examples of other Towns)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7699/Meriden-ARPA-Program>
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7700/Wallingford-ARPA-Nonprofit-Grant-Request-Form>
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7701/Wallingford-ARPA-small-Business-Grant-Request-Form>
4. Patricia Vener Saavedra: (Zoom speaker)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7720/Patricia-Vener-Saavedra-ARPA-suggestion>
5. Jennifer Paradis: (Zoom speaker)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7721/Jennifer-Paradis-ARPA-suggestion>
6. Reverend Daniel Bland, Revival Church: (Zoom speaker)
https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7722/ARPA-Funding-Request-Form_Revival-Church92
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7723/Revival-ARPA-presentation>
7. Elaine Dove: (Zoom speaker) – Ms. Dove said she supports Ms. Diane Hoffman’s Tree Program (submitted in writing)
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/7724/Hamden-Alliance-for-Trees-ARPA-mini-grant-proposal>

There being no further business Ms. Baez announced the meeting closed at 10:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council