

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

November 27, 2023

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, November 27, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Town Clerk Karimah Mickens. Ms. Mickens took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Sweet then read the Land Acknowledgement followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dominique Baez	Rhonda Caldwell
Katie Kiely	Adrian Webber
Paula Irvin	Abdul Osmanu (after roll call)
Laurie Sweet	Tom Figlar
Ted Stevens	Jim Anthony
Sarah Gallagher	Sean Cardwell
Jeron Alston	Tasha Hunt
Bob Anthony	

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Gruen, Town Attorney

Nomination and Election of Council President

Ms. Mickens asked if there were any nominations for Council President. Ms. Kiely moved a motion to nominate Ms. Baez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens.

Ms. Mickens asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. Ms. Mickens closed nominations and took a vote on Ms. Baez as Council President for the 2023-2025 term and it passed unanimously.

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

Nominations and Election of President Pro Tempore

Ms. Baez asked if there were any nominations for President Pro Tem. Ms. Gallagher said she nominates Laurie Sweet. Ms. Baez asked Ms. Sweet if she accepts and Ms. Sweet said yes.

Ms. Baez then said she is nominating Katie Kiely and asked Ms. Kiely if she accepts. Ms. Kiely said yes.

A roll call vote was taken and Ms. Kiely won it with 10 votes (Alston) (J. Anthony) (Baez) (Cardwell) (Figlar) (Hunt) (Irvin) (Kiely) (Stevens) (Webber)

Ms. Sweet had 4 votes (B. Anthony) (Caldwell) (Gallagher) (Sweet)

Mr. Osmanu was absent for the vote.

Designation of the Majority Leader

Ms. Baez announced Ted Stevens will be the Majority Leader and Sarah Gallagher will be Majority Whip.

Designation of the Minority Leader

Mr. Bob Anthony announced he would be Minority Leader.

Approval of Council Standing Rules

Ms. Baez briefly explained the changes made to this which consolidates committees. She then requested a motion for approval of the Standing Rules. Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. J. Anthony and approved unanimously.

Announcement of schedule for Regular Council Meetings & Regular Committee Meetings for Calendar Year 2024

Ms. Baez explained this doesn't need a vote and that it includes all dates of meetings for 2024 with Holidays taken off.

Ms. Baez then moved a motion to add Public Input to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were no speakers
(Written comments can be sent to LCpublicinput@hamden.com)

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Acting Clerk of the Council