



MINUTES of the Organizational meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Karen Fassuliotis called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Nisha Arora, 2022 elected candidate
Michael Basham, 2022 elected candidate
William Drake
Laura Erickson
Karen Fassuliotis, Chair and Outgoing Chair
Miriam L. Kreuzer
Leslie Moriarty
Dan Ozizmir, 2022 elected candidate
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Stephen Selbst, 2022 elected candidate
Leslie L. Tarkington
David Weisbrod

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Jacqueline Budkins, Town Clerk

Administration of the Oath of Office by Town Clerk

The Chair, Karen Fassuliotis, opened the meeting by inviting the Town Clerk, Ms. Budkins to administer the Oath of Office to members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Ms. Budkins administered the Oath of Office to the members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation for the 2022-2023 term.

Election of Officers

The Chair then opened the floor to nominations for the 2022-23 Chair of the BET. Mr. Basham nominated Mr. Ozizmir to a first term as BET Chair acknowledging his dedication and contribution to the Town through his public service. Ms. Erickson seconded the nomination.

Ms. Fassuliotis nominated herself for the position of BET Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Drake performed a rollcall vote for the election of Chair of the BET and the Board voted 11 for Mr. Ozizmir and 1 for Ms. Fassuliotis. Mr. Ozizmir was elected Chair.

Having been elected to serve as the Chair of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Mr. Ozizmir took his position as the presiding officer of the meeting. He thanked the outgoing Chair, Ms. Fassuliotis, for her distinguished service under challenging conditions.

Mr. Ozizmir nominated Mr. Basham as a candidate for the Vice Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation acknowledging his RTM experience and background in the finance industry.

Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Ozizmir made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, to elect Mr. Basham as BET Vice Chair. The Board voted 11-0-0 in favor of the motion. (No vote: Fassuliotis)

Ms. Tarkington nominated Ms. Arora as a candidate for Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Taxation praising her professional and volunteer experience.

Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Tarkington made a motion to elect Ms. Arora as BET Clerk. Motion seconded by Ms. Kreuzer. The Board voted 11-0-0 in favor of the motion. (No vote: Fassuliotis)

Board's Biennial Appointment of Comptroller

Ms. Arora offered the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to reappoint Mr. Mynarski as Comptroller; the Board of Estimate and Taxation voted unanimously to approve:

Resolved that the Board of Estimate and Taxation appoints Peter Mynarski as the Comptroller for a two-year term effective January 5, 2022 and terminating on the date of the first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January, 2024. The appointment shall be subject to the provisions of Article 1, Section 11 of the Town Charter.

The Board voted 12-0-0 to reappoint Mr. Peter Mynarski as Comptroller for a two-year term effective January 5, 2022 and terminating on the date of the first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January, 2024. Motion carried.

Board's Biennial Appointment of Assessor

Ms. Arora offered the following Resolution, seconded by Ms. Moriarty to reappoint Ms. Elliot as Assessor; the Board of Estimate and Taxation voted unanimously to approve:

Resolved that the Board of Estimate and Taxation appoints Lauren Elliott as the Assessor for a two-year term effective January 5, 2022 and terminating on the date of the first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January, 2024. The appointment shall be subject to the provisions of Article 17, Section 293-(b) of the Town Charter.

The Board voted 12-0-0 to reappoint Ms. Lauren Elliott as Assessor for a two-year term effective January 5, 2022 and terminating on the date of the

first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January, 2024.
Motion carried.

Chairman’s Appointment of Members to Standing Committees and Liaison Assignments for 2022 – 2024 Term

Mr. Ozizmir announced that the following Committee appointments and assignments were based after prior consultation with his own caucus and with Ms. Moriarty, as Minority caucus leader, as well as on BET members experience and interests.

Standing Committees (Bold Denotes Chair)	Members
Audit	Basham , Drake, Ramer, Weisbrod
Budget	Arora, Erickson, Moriarty, Tarkington
Human Resources	Drake , Kreuzer, Ozizmir, Selbst
Investments	Basham, Drake , Kreuzer, Weisbrod
Law	Fassuliotis , Selbst
Policy/Procedure	Drake , Selbst
Liaison	Members
Assessor	Ramer, Tarkington
CIP – Capital Improvement	Basham, Weisbrod
CD Block Grant	Drake, Selbst
Comptroller	Moriarty, Ozizmir
DPW	Erickson, Tarkington
Education	Arora, Moriarty
Information Technology	Arora, Weisbrod
Nathaniel Witherell	Drake, Erickson
Parks & Recreation	Basham, Kreuzer
Public Safety	Ozizmir, Weisbrod
Retirement Board (OPEB)	Drake, Kreuzer
Special Projects	Members
<i>Special Project Teams may be appointed from time to time by the Chair of the BET.</i>	
ARP	Moriarty, Ramer, Tarkington
Cohen Eastern Greenwich CC	Fassuliotis
Labor Contracts	Ozizmir, Ramer
Island Beach Lot Development	Weisbrod

Mr. Ozizmir expressed thanks to members of the BET in advance for their cooperation, understanding and support fulfilling assignments. Additional appointments may be made to the First Selectman’s Committees in the future.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Ozizmir called on Ms. Moriarty, as the minority caucus Chair, to make some remarks. Ms. Moriarty offered congratulations on the new roles that BET members would be assuming, and new ideas and approaches they will offer.

Mr. Ozizmir stated that he looked forward to discussion and debates from dedicated volunteers

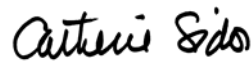
especially the incumbents' support and wisdom. He thanked the retirees for their distinguished service. He said his approach would be to serve, collaborate, listen and encourage a collegial spirit of cooperation and teamwork.

ADJOURNMENT

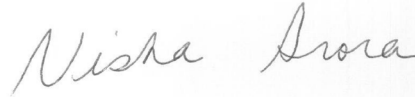
Upon a motion by Ms. Kreuzer, seconded by Mr. Basham, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn at 5:28 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the BET is scheduled on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be virtual and the Zoom link will be provided in the publicly posted agenda ahead of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Nisha Arora, Clerk of the Board



Dan Ozizmir, Chairman