

BRIDGEPORT DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 2, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The DSSD Board of Commissioners Meeting took place at the offices of the Bridgeport DSSD, 938 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604. In attendance were:

Commissioners

Callie Heilmann, Made in Bridgeport, Chair
Barbara Sreckovic, Downtown Resident, Vice Chair
Ira Jacoby, Bordentown DB, LLC, Secretary
Alicia Cobb-Pharr, Downtown Resident
Gemeem Davis, Bridgeport Generation Now
Caardel Eaddy, Trefz Corporation
David Iassogna, M&T Bank
Phil Pires, C & W Associates II
Tony Sherwood, Mighty 190, LLC

Staff

Lauren Coakley Vincent, DSSD President
Charles Suarez-Penn, DSSD/SMG
Vanessa Rivera, DSSD/SMB

Guests

Fred Frassinelli, AMS Real Estate
Lauri MacLean, Downtown Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

The group left from the Bridgeport DSSD office at 8:06 a.m.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD WALK OBSERVATIONS

The group observed sidewalk and storefront conditions along Broad Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Main Street within the district. The following items were noted for follow up, referral, or reporting:

- Fairfield County Courthouse, 948 Main Street, and 189 State Street trash, loitering, and encampment
- Speak to Grill II about removing the sidewalk grill and outdoor swing
- Bank Street dumpster trash management
- Bank Street ground mural to replace the fading blue St. Vincent's Swim Across the Sea paint, explore whether to demap the street
- Repair Peacock Alley entrance pillars (planter instead of cone?)
- Unrepaired sidewalks
- Bridge on Main and 144 Golden Hill Street parking lot storefronts to be reported as blight
- Blocked storefront windows at 100 Fairfield Avenue
- Develop and get buy in for a for retail tenant strategy. Example: "convenience store"
- Engage council on architectural design of Golden Hill Street and Davidson housing. Explore whether DSSD can have design input like Neighborhood Revitalization Zones
- Install a MuttMitt station at Pawtero
- There is an unused window between Junior's and Downtown Corner that could host a passive installation
- Ask The Bananaland to share window design for 144 Golden Hill Street parking lot storefronts

Selection of photos:



- III. ADJOURNMENT
The group ended the neighborhood walk at the corner of Main Street and Congress Street at 9:03 a.m.