



**2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

The 2018 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2017, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas.

The City Clerk called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Cotera
Commissioner Borgelt
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Hersh

Commissioner Musselman
Commissioner Palvino
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Weigand

Commissioners Authur, Martinez-Moncada and Ward were absent

Staff in Attendance:

Jannette Goodall, City Clerk's Office
Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office
Lynn Carter, Law Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens who registered to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2017

The minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved as amended below on Commissioner Weigand's motion, Commissioner Borgelt's second on an 8-0 vote. The amendments were to revise the fourth sub-bullet under bullet three of item 4 C to read "Oppose any changes to the Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission" and to revise the adjourn time to 8:29 p.m.

3. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

a) Nomination and election of Commission Chair

A motion to nominate Commissioner Palvino as Chair was approved on Commissioner Cotera's motion, Commissioner Borgelt's second on an 8-0 vote.

b) Nomination and election of Commission Vice-Chair

A motion to nominate Commissioner Weigand as Vice-Chair was approved on Commissioner Hersh's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on an 8-0 vote.

c) Future meeting dates

The Commission identified the following dates for possible future meetings:

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Austin City Hall

4. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

A. Discussion and identification of additional Charter sections which the Commission is interested in exploring.

The Commission identified the following additional areas of topic:

- **Petition requirements as being circulated by IndyAustin**
- **Requirements for recall petitions**
- **General concerns involving board and commission members including methods for removal of board, conflict of interest, term limits, Planning Commission and automatic forfeiture for violation of City Charter.**

B. Discussion on establishing working groups and a timeframe for reports from the working groups.

The Commission established the following working groups.

- **Campaign Finance and Ethics (Resolution 20170622-040, item 10 A):**
Membership includes: Commissioners Cotera, Lewis and Musselman.
- **Petition Requirements (Resolution 20170622-040, item 10 C). Membership includes: Commissioners Borgelt, Smith and Weigand.**
- **Board and Commissions and City Attorney (Resolution 20170622-040, items 10 B and D). Membership includes: Commissioners Hersh and Palvino.**

Chair Palvino will contact Commissioners Authur, Martinez-Moncada and Ward to identify which working group they would like to be assigned.

The Campaign Finance and Ethics working group will report back with options for discussion at the January 8, 2018 meeting.

The Board and Commissions and City Attorney working group will report back with options for discussion at the January 22, 2018 meeting.

The Petition Requirements working group will report back with options for discussion at the January 29, 2018 meeting.

Direction was given to staff to send a memo notifying Council that because of the delay in appointments, the working group is requesting an extension to complete their recommendations of May 1, 2018.

- C. Discussion of staff recommendation for corrections of clerical matters, routine harmonizing, and clarification of verbiage.

This item was postponed to the January 8, 2018 Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 11th day of January 2018 on Commissioner Borgelt's motion, Commissioner Weigand's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Authur abstained.