



**2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The 2018 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas.

Chair Palvino called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Authur
Commissioner Cotera
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Musselman
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Weigand

Commissioner Borgelt
Commissioner Hersh
Commissioner Martinez-Moncada
Commissioner Palvino
Commissioner Ward

Staff in Attendance:

Jannette Goodall, City Clerk's Office
Jerikay Gayle, Law Department
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 27, 2017

The November 27, 2017 minutes were approved on Commissioner Borgelt's motion, Commissioner Weigand's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Authur abstained.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

b) Campaign Finance/Ethics Work Group Report

There was one citizen (David King) who registered to speak.

The Commission consists of Commissioner Lewis, Cotera, Musselman and Ward.

Commissioner Lewis presented the Work Group Report which contained the following recommendation (see attached Report for details). The recommendations are:

- **Creation of a public small voucher program**
- **Creation of an independent Ethics Commission**

a) Briefing on Campaign Finance and Ethics

i. Paul S. Ryan, Common Cause

ii. Wayne Barnet, Seattle Ethics and Election Commission

Paul S. Ryan, Common Cause provided a history of campaign finance in the United States.

Wayne Barnet, Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Election Commission provided

information on the design and administration of the City of Seattle's campaign voucher program and the operation of the City's Ethics and Election Commission.

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

No action occurred.

- d) Discussion and possible recommendation on the Commission's scope of work.

No action occurred.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission may discuss and identify additional meeting dates and future agenda items, topics or presentations.

No action occurred.

Chair Palvino adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. without objection.