



2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
January 30, 2024**

The 2024 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2024, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas.

Chair Palvino called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Commissioners Dwyer and Lasch attended virtually. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vice Chair Garcia (absent)
Commissioner Botkin
Commissioner Dwyer (virtual)
Commissioner McGivern
Commission Altamirano

Commissioner Cowles
Commissioner Lasch (virtual)
Commissioner Van Maanen
Commissioner Ortega
Commissioner Greenberg

Staff in Attendance:

Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office
Caroline Webster, Law Department

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bobby Levinski – SOS (remote)
Linda Curtis (remote)
Lisa Chang (remote)
Joe Riddell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the 2024 Charter Review Commission regular meeting of January 18, 2024.

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting were approved on Commissioner Botkin's motion, Commissioner Cowles's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner's Dwyer and Lasch were off the dais. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Law Department briefing regarding staff proposed charter revisions.

Withdrawn

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on the City Attorney Working Group initial recommendation report. (Chair Palvino, Commissioners Garcia and McGiverin)

The presentation on the City Attorney Working Group recommendation was made by Commissioner McGiverin. No action was taken.

4. Discussion and possible action on the Petition Process Working Groups initial recommendation report on revisions to the petition process. (Commissioners Cowles, Dwyer, and McGiverin)

The presentation on the Petition Process Working Group recommendations were made by Commissioner Van Maanen and Commissioner Dwyer. It was discussed to discuss the recommendations further at the February 15, 2024 meeting. No action was taken.

5. Discussion and possible action on the Initiative/Charter/Referendum Mechanics Work Groups initial recommendation on proposition lettering. (Commissioners Altamirano, Botkin, and Ortega)

The presentation on the Mechanics Work Group recommendations was made by Commissioner Altamirano.

The motion to approve the Alphabet Rotation of Proposition language recommendation was made by Commissioner Altamirano, seconded by Commissioner Van Maanen on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner's Dwyer and Lasch were off the dais. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

6. Discussion and possible action on Recall Petitions Work Group recommendations. (Commissioner Van Maanen)

The presentation on the Recall Petitions Work Group recommendations was made by Commissioner Van Maanen. Staff were directed to provide information if Political Action Groups can have contribution limitations. Staff will follow up with a response.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding community engagement of the Charter Review process from the Outreach Work Group.

Chair Palvino introduced Dr Larry Schooler who presented on community engagement and future Town Hall meeting structure. It was discussed if there will be more than one Town Hall meeting opportunity. The commission will discuss additional Town Hall meetings at the February 15, 2024 meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action of future meetings and meeting location.

The commission discussed scheduling Town Hall meetings. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. The Commission may discuss and identify future agenda items, topics, or presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:24 pm.