



2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2024**

The 2024 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 15, 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
Commissioner McGivern (virtual)
Commission Altamirano

Commissioner Cowles
Commissioner Lasch
Commissioner Van Maanen
Commissioner Ortega
Commissioner Greenberg

Staff in Attendance:

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Joe Riddell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the 2024 Charter Review Commission regular meeting of January 30, 2024, and February 8, 2024.

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2024 meeting, and February 8, 2024 meeting were approved on Commissioner Lasch's motion, Commissioner Botkin's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner McGivern was off the dais. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action on the City Attorney Working Group initial recommendation report. (Chair Palvino, Commissioners Garcia and McGivern)
The presentation on the City Attorney Working Group recommendations was made by Chair Palvino.

Recommendation #1: The City Manager appoints City Attorney, with confirmation by City Council.

Recommendation #2: Council is assigned a designated attorney with the city attorney's office.

The motion to approve Recommendation #1 was made by Commissioner Lasch, seconded by Commissioner Botkin on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner McGiverin was off the dais, Commissioner Greenberg abstained. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

3. 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 was made by Commissioner Dwyer. No action was taken.

4. 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 Initiative/Charter/Referendum Mechanics Work Group recommendations was made by Commissioner Van Maanen.

The motion to approve the recommendations was made by Commissioner Van Maanen, seconded by Commissioner Ortega on an 8-1 vote. Commissioner Greenberg voted no. Commissioner McGiverin was off the dais. Vice Chair Garcia absent.

5. 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. No action was taken.

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

Discussion was taken to conduct a public hearing during the scheduled March 7, 2024 meeting and add an additional meeting to finalize the report to council on March 21, 2024.

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

No Action

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Presentation by the Law Department on proposed staff Charter revisions.
- Add legacy items to the final report to Council

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved on March 7, 2024, on Commissioner Greenberg's motion, Commissioner Cowles second on an 11-0 vote.