



2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2024**

The 2024 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas.

Chair Palvino called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chair Palvino
Vice Chair Garcia
Commissioner Botkin
Commissioner Dwyer
Commissioner McGivern
Commission Altamirano

Commissioner Cowles
Commissioner Lasch
Commissioner Van Maanen
Commissioner Ortega
Commissioner Greenberg

Staff in Attendance:

Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office
Erika Brady, City Clerk's Office
Neal Falgoust, Law Department
Wajiha Rizvi, Law Department

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Joe Riddell

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive feedback regarding proposed amendments to the City Charter recommended by the 2024 Charter Review Commission.

Speakers: Kathy Mitchell, Joe Riddell, and Ed Espinoza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approve the minutes of the 2024 Charter Review Commission regular meeting of February 15, 2024, and meeting of February 29, 2024.

The motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting, and February 29, 2024 meeting were approved on Commissioner Greenberg's motion, Commissioner Cowles second on an 11-0 vote.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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)
A renewed motion to approve the “3.5% signature threshold” was made by Commissioner Botkin, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer on a 6-5 vote. Those voting aye: Chair Palvino, Vice Chair Garcia, Commissioners Botkin, Dwyer, Lasch, and Altamirano. Those voting no: Commissioners Greenberg, McGiverin, Van Maanen, Cowles, and Ortega.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding community engagement of the Charter Review process from the Outreach Work Group.
No further action required.
5. Discussion and possible action on the review and finalization of the draft report to Council.
The overview of the draft report was made by Wajiha Rizvi, Law Department. No action was taken.
6. Discussion and possible action of future meetings and meeting location.
The motion to approve a special called meeting on March 21, 2024, was made by Commissioner Van Maanen, seconded by Commissioner Lasch on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Greenberg abstained.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:23 p.m.

The minutes were approved on March 21, 2024, on Commissioner Van Maanen’s motion, Commissioner Botkin’s second on an 11-0 vote.