



**Charter Review Commission  
Minutes  
WebEx Board Meeting  
June 8, 2021 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Chair Fred Evans, and members Harold Hodges, Jack Kelly, Sally Kram, Robert Kurnick, Kevin Owen, Anita Powell, Izola Shaw, Marissa Valeri, and Robert Wright were present. John Becker and David Gottesman were absent.

**Staff Present:** Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, City Clerk Sara Ferrell, City Manager, Management Assistant Melissa Wiak were present

**I. Welcome—New Member**

City Clerk Sara Ferrell opened the meeting via WebEx at 7:06 p.m. Chair Evans welcomed all those present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2021 Charter Review Commission meeting, as amended.

Moved by Commissioner Owen, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, and approved unanimously.

**III. Workgroup Reports**

Board of Supervisors of Elections (BSE) Working Group:

Commissioner Kelly stated that the BSE is developing a list of interview questions and potential interviewees. He asked whether the BSE working group should directly reach out to members of the BSE for interviews, or if the Commission should collectively reach out to potential interviewees.

Acting City Attorney Walters reminded the Commission that the members cannot compel members of the BSE to participate in a survey or an interview.

Commissioner Valeri stated that to create a better charter, the Commission should reach out to individual members and former members of the Mayor and Council, City Board and Commissions, etc., instead of these entities as a whole.

Election Process/Franchise Expansion Working Group:

Commissioner Shaw reported that each subgroup is continuing to research and write their reports on the subtopics. They will share their findings with the Commission in early July.

Commissioner Kram indicated that after the previous meeting regarding rank choice voting, The New York Times published an article on rank choice voting and its effects on the New York mayoral race. This article will be shared with the Commission.

Commissioner Shaw will provide answers the Commissioners had regarding rank choice voting at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor and Council Working Group:

Commissioner Wright reported that each subgroup drafted their issue papers and it was shared with the Commission for discussion and input.

**IV. Old/New Business**

Chair Evans reported that he will be working with Commissioner Hodges on a data chart. He also stated that he would like the subgroups to present their reports in July.

Commissioner Valeri asked that a discussion regarding changes to the charter pertaining to ballot referendums be added to the Commission's future agenda.

**V. Future Meeting**

Tuesday, June 22, 2021—7: 00 p.m.

**VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**Motion:** to adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Owen, seconded by Commissioner Wright, and approved unanimously.