

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

August 17, 2022

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A meeting of the Charter Revision Commission was held on Wednesday, 17 August 2022 via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM by Frank Dixon, Vice-Chair

2. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Gallagher, Chair; Jackie Downing; Frank Dixon, Vice-Chair; Jay Kaye; Y'Isiah Lopes; Patricia C Vener-Saavedra, Secretary

Also in attendance: Steve Mednick, Counsel to Commission; Dominique Baez, Legislative Council President

3. Public Testimony:

- None either live or by email.

Public Comments for CRC can be sent to: CRC2022@hamden.com

4. Approval of Minutes of August 2, August 6, August 10 and August 13, 2022

- Kaye moved Y'Isiah second
- Voted Passed Unanimously

5. Review Item #18

- This is the civilian review section: We were discussing the footnote; Mednick divided the footnote between the point of reference history, adding more detail to show what the authority for our commission is 7-193B and etc. Going back a page the reference to 7-279 (requested by Legislative Councilor Kiely). We end up with a lot of discussion to get a phrasing that is both clearer and more simplified as well as relevant.
- Downing moves to accept LC#18 as amended, seconded by Kaye
- Vote passes unanimously.

6. Review Final Revisions of Draft and Continue Conferral with President Baez

- Budget liaison editing by Mednick - which LC Prez accepts. Mednick asks if there are any other issues that need to be addressed. Baez says that there are none.
- Downing has several items that she wants clarified
 - In various sections "Merit System" has been taken out but its applicable footnotes still refer to it. The term "Merit System" has been changed to "Civil Service" and has been defined to mean the same thing.
 - Gallagher notes there are two footnotes that read the same. Mednick says they are the same wording but refer to two different departments. (Police and fire)
 - Do we need to tell Police chief and Fire chief separately to "immediately report complaints?" Mednick says yes because they are two different departments with the same requirement. No need to change wording for either of them.
 - Audits - (in Police Commission section) "final complaints" wording discussed.
 - Must there be monthly overtime reports for BoE to LC (given that LC does not have authority over their budget)? Mednick says, yes LC is entitled to know even if they don't have the authority of BoE budgeting.
 - Phrasing includes wording that in the section where budgetary comments are submitted to the LC by the Mayor also asks for comments on Finance Commission recommendations even tho it's just been given to them as well. Mednick makes correction so that the request is not a physical or temporal impossibility.

7. Action on Final Report

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/6503/Hamden-Charter07-05CRC-Final-Report16-August-2022>

- Vener-Saavedra moves that we accept the final report (as amended) and Kaye seconds. Gallagher supports proudly the charter as it is.
- Vener-Saavedra also mentions being honored to work with everyone and that she learned a lot!
- Vote - Passes unanimously!

8. Adjourn

Time adjourned: (approximately) 9:00 PM

Next meeting: Monday 22 August 2022 9:00 AM to approve these minutes. That will be our final meeting as Hamden's Charter Revision Commission for 2022.

Minutes submitted by Commission Secretary Patricia C Vener-Saavedra