

# CITY OF STAMFORD

## 19<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER REVISION

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### MEETING REPORT

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

This meeting was held remotely at the above date and time. Present were Commissioners Bilicznianski, Bowser, Camporeale, Halpern, Kolenberg, Lane, Larobina, Lombardo, Martinez, McMullen, Michelson, Pioli, Pramberger and Williams.

1. Co- Chair Kolenberg called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Co- Chair Kolenberg took attendance through those present on Zoom. A quorum was confirmed to proceed; Commissioner Loeb notified the Commission that he would be absent.
3. Commissioner Camporeale led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Communication and Correspondence; The Commission reviewed the submission procedure for the committees.
5. Update on Outside Counsel Search: Commissioner Larobina provide an update that he spoke with corporate council regarding the composition of the selection committee. Additional details will be provided at next month's regarding the number of participants on the RFP selection committee.
6. Land Use Committee Report: Commissioner Camporeale stated the committee met September 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held remotely. They met with David Stein, Chair of the Zoning Board, Theresa Dell, Chair of the Planning Board, and Ralph Blessing Land Use and Bureau Chief. They shared ideas on how they'd like to see the Charter revised. The next committee meeting is September 22 with Corporate Counsel Doug Delena, director of Legal Affairs and Corporation Council.
7. Finance Committee Report. Commissioner Shelley Michelson shared that Finance Committee has had three meetings. The committee met initially on August 17<sup>th</sup> to establish calendar for the rest of the year and put together a list of people the committee wished to interview. The committee met remotely on August 24<sup>th</sup> to speak with the Director of Human Resources and Mr. Scott Bolton of Fiducient Advisors. Topics discussed were pension plans, labor agreements, defined contribution matches. September 7<sup>th</sup> the committee interviewed Director of Administration Sandy Dennies, who shared the history of budgetary process.

8. Appointed Boards and Commissions Report: Commissioner Michael Larobina provided the committee report; the committee met on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center. They reviewed the charge from the Board of Representatives, to review the items in the Charge and decide which items to take up and which would be more appropriate before another body. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Government Center.
9. Elected Officials Committee report: Commissioner Anthony Pramberger, provided a proposed interview schedule. The is Mayor scheduled for November 3rd, Commissioner Lombardo and the committee agreed on is that the invitation to the former mayors will come from the co-chairs, not from the committee. Former invited mayors will have the option to either participate virtually or attend in person. The next committee meeting is September 15<sup>th</sup> at the government center.
10. City Departments Committee Report: Commissioner Williams stated the committee met virtually in late August. The committee reviewed the Charge and focused on organizational process, deciding that certain issues would be best handled by their committee and some would be best handled by the Finance Committee. Commissioner Williams explained that many questions he would have asked were answered by Director Dennies in her appearance before the Finance Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th, and at that meeting, two representatives with Corporation Counsel, Doug Delana, Vicki Cooper and Mike Toma would be interviewed.
11. New Business: The commission members spoke on invitations to City directors, Board of Education employee. It was suggested that the commissioners be provided a master list with guest attendees prior to committee meetings. Co- Chair Kolenberg encouraged all members to attended committee meetings so guest attendance would not be duplicated. In person and remote access to committee meeting were discussed in length regarding access to meetings. Commissioners expressed a desire to continue full Commission meetings virtually but to have individual committee meetings take place in person or in a hybrid format.
12. Old Business: Old Business was not discussed; All members were able ask questions during the committee reports.
13. Approval of meeting minutes. Commissioner McMullen motioned that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The mentioned passed with an abstention.
14. Co- Chair Kolenbergh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. R. McMullen and passed unanimously

*This meeting is available on [video](#).*