

# CITY OF STAMFORD

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

### COMMISSION

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Thomas Lombardo, Chair  
Jackie Pioli, Clerk

### MEETING REPORT

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

1. Commissioner Lombardo convened the meeting at 7:03pm
2. Roll call: In attendance were Commissioners Lombardo, Kolenberg, Camporeale, Halpern, Michelson, Pioli, Martinez, Larobina, Bowser, Lane, McMullen, Pramberger and Bilicznianski. Also in attendance were Attorney Steven Mednick and Attorney Richard Roberts. Commissioners Loeb and Williams were absent.
3. Commissioner Lombardo led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Communications and Correspondence: Commissioner Lombardo reported that there was no communications or correspondence to the Commission with the exception of billing requests by Attorney Mednick.
5. Finance Committee Report: Committee met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> to continue interviewing individuals associated with the cities pension plan and finances in the school. Commissioner Michelson will produce a list of items that the committee has considered at the next meeting.
6. Appointed Boards and Commissions Report: Commissioners met on November 10<sup>th</sup> and discussed the creation of a Commission on Disability and an in-depth analysis of the appointments process. The Committee will produce a report of its recommendations to be submitted to the full Commission for its consideration by mid-February.
7. Elected Officials Committee Report: The Committee met on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Pramberger put forward 10 items to be voted on by the full Commission:
  - i. Charge Item 4- "Refine the definition of public notice", the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item
  - ii. Charge Item 5 "Frequency of Charter review process," the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item

- iii. Charge Item 8 “Term limits for Elected Officials,” the Commission voted 11-0-2 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item.
  - iv. Charge Item 12 “Create an independent registrar of voters,” the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item
  - v. Charge Item 18 “delete the word ‘or’ from C3-10-4 to update notice requirements in event of the mayors absence” the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to pursue this item
  - vi. Charge Item 31 “change the language of City oaths to mirror state oaths” the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item
  - vii. Charge Item 96 “term limits for the Board of Representatives”, the Commission voted 12-0-1 in favor of the Committee’s recommendation to not pursue this item.
  - viii. Charge Item 112 “Give the Board of Representatives the power to change the Charter via supermajority vote,” the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item.
  - ix. Charge Item 115 “consider how cities like Austin, Texas are governed,” the Commission voted 13-0-0 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item
  - x. Charge Item 116 “consider zero based governance,” the Commission voted 12-0-1 in favor of the Committees recommendation to not pursue this item
8. There was no City Departments Committee Report and no Land Use Committee Report.
9. New Business: Commissioner Kolenberg announced he would be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Charter Commission in light of increasing commitments at work. Commissioner Lombardo led the Commission in thanking Commissioner Kolenberg for his service.
10. Old Business: The Commission decided that it would begin to hold two meetings a month, one at its usual time on the second Wednesday of the month and one long session on a Saturday every month. The committees will also have additional meetings dependent on their needs. The Commission voted \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of holding this meeting schedule.
11. Commission voted to accept the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes with noted corrections..
12. Commissioner Lombardo adjourned the meeting 9:01pm.

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