

# CITY OF STAMFORD 19<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Anthony Pramberger, Jr., Chair

Members

Michael Larobina  
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**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**Meeting Report**

**This meeting was held in person at the Government Center**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. Roll Call - All Committee members, and Commissioner Lane, were in attendance.
3. Ongoing review of the Committee's Charge Items – the following items were reviewed and voted on:

Item #	Charter Section	Description	Recommendation
2	C1-10-4	Amend to provide that public hearings have an opportunity for possible public/ board member dialogue.	The committee voted 5-0 to ask attorney Mednick to draft language for the Charter such that, when Public Hearings are held for Land Use purposes (i.e. Planning and Zoning), that decisions by these Boards are not made about matters discussed at the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning Boards.
3	C1-10-4	Amend to expand and strengthen public notice requirements and make published materials more accessible	The committee voted 5-0 that the BOR enact an ordinance with additional public notices requirements for all city Boards, Commissions and Departments, and review same on a biannual basis. The committee seeks attorney Mednick's assistance on the appropriate language.
9	C1-80-1	Consider preventing elected officers from holding dual offices, including state offices such as state representative or as appropriate with appointed Boards or Commissions	The committee voted 4-1 to hold this item for the January 28, 2023 meeting, and confirm with attorney Mednick that the city has the authority to do what the language states.
10	C1-80-1	Consider compensation for members of the Board of Representatives, Board of	The committee voted 5-0 not to pursue this item any further.

		Education and Board of Finance	
16	C2-10-10	Allow the President of the Board of Representatives to issue oath of office	Attorney Mednick clarified that presiding officers of legislative bodies are not included under the state statutory authority. The committee voted 5-0 not to pursue any further.
19	C3-10-7	Clarify that the Mayor may issue the oath of office (might be a separate Section; make consistent with State law)	Attorney Mednick clarified that State Statute allows for the Mayor, Town Clerk and sworn members of local police departments to issue the oath of office, so the committee determined by a 5-0 vote that no action is needed here. We need to clarify with attorney Mednick if same is true for the Fire Dept.
28	C5-20-2	Review whether years of experience for Corporation Counsel and counsel assigned to Board of Representatives (C1-90-1) should be uniform	After further discussion and deliberation, the committee voted 5-0 that, for both Corporation Counsel and counsel assigned to Board of Representatives - the attorney must have been licensed to practice law for ten years, and that five of the ten years must be as a practicing attorney in Connecticut. The committee also noted that said candidate(s) must be approved by the Board of Representatives, as an additional check.
	C1-80-1,5 C6-00-2(d)	Minority representation on the Board of Education	The committee voted 4-0-1 not to pursue this item further.

4. The Meeting Notes of December 15, 2022 were unanimously approved as written.
5. Upcoming meetings were confirmed for February 2 & 15
6. There was no Unfinished Business
7. There was a discussion of breakfast for the Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting under New Business.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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