

CITY OF STAMFORD 19TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Anthony Pramberger, Jr., Chair

Members

Michael Larobina
Thomas Lombardo
J.R. McMullen
Jackie Pioli

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Meeting Report

This meeting was held via Zoom.

1. Call to Order – at 7:06 pm.
2. Roll Call – in attendance were all five Committee members; in addition, Commissioners Lane, Halpern, Camporeale, and Williams; and Representative Nina Sherwood.
3. Ongoing review of the Committee’s remaining Charge Items –
The Chair explained that he learned prior to the meeting that outside counsel S. Mednick was preparing language for both items 3a and 3b on today’s agenda. He felt that review of the draft language intended for the evening should be held for the next meeting of the Elected Officials Committee (for 3b) on March 2, and the City Departments Committee (for 3a) on March 7. The Committee wanted some discussion on both items; the Chair agreed.
 - a. C5-20-3 – BOR obtaining independent counsel (with City Departments Committee).
 - i. Commissioner Pioli asked that the language change that she previously requested for consideration for the Board of Education, be addressed as part of this charge item. After some back and forth, Commissioner Pioli agreed to send the specific change she was requesting in writing to the Chair. The Chair said that he would submit this language to attorney Mednick for his review and inclusion in what he planned to submit to the Commission on the Charge item.
 - b. C3-10-4 – Assuring a seamless transition when the Mayor and BOR President are both simultaneously absent from Stamford.
 - i. Commissioner McMullen asked that all travel by the Mayor, not just on city business, be a reason for notification of absence from the city, and that emphasis should be on the fact that the Mayor must give notice for all “planned” absences. Commissioner Larobina noted this is easily fixable, and that when the Mayor anticipates such absence, that should trigger the notice.

4. Suspension of the Rules
 - a. A motion to suspend the rules was approved 4 (Lombardo, McMullen, Pioli, Pramberger) to 1 (Larobina) to allow Representative Sherwood to speak with the committee regarding BOR obtaining independent counsel. Representative Sherwood noted that a two-thirds majority vote to allow the BOR to hire its own counsel was impossible to achieve, and asked for a lower threshold. Representative Sherwood also stated that the BOR required access to full time counsel assigned to the BOR.
5. Meeting Notes of February 2, 2023 were approved as submitted, 5-0.
6. Next meeting – March 2. The Committee voted 5-0 to change the start time for its remaining Committee meetings to 7 pm, and to have the remaining meetings via Zoom. The Chair said he would confirm with staff that this was doable.
7. New Business – none.
8. Adjournment at 8:10 pm.

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