

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

Clemon Williams, Chair

Members

Frances Lane

Thomas Lombardo

JR McMullen

Anthony Pramberger

## Minutes

**Tuesday, December 21, 2022**

**7:00pm**

The meeting was held remotely.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
2. Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present
3. Review of Issues for City Departments Committee and recommendation to the full Charter Commission – We discussed and went over the issues for the Committee and established the [attached chart](#).
4. Discussion of City Departments - Each issue was discussed and the Committee's position on each issue is reflected on the attachment.
5. Submitted by Commissioner Pramberger:
  - Ongoing review of the Elected Officials Committee's Charge Items.
    - a. C5-20-3 Board of Representatives obtaining independent counsel. As part of its discussion of Charge item 28, the committee also reviewed and discussed the process by which the BOR is currently allowed to hire independent counsel, per section C5-20-3 of the Charter. The current language states: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Representatives may, by resolution jointly presented by the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, the President and Clerk and approved by the affirmative vote of not less than thirty-one (31) members, retain independent counsel to represent the Board of Representatives with respect to a specific case or controversy in rendering opinions and appearing in any proceeding and may appropriate monies to pay the fees and costs of such counsel." It was noted that this issue corresponds to Charge item 29, assigned to the City Departments Committee for its review: "Review whether the Board of Representatives, the Board of Education, and Board of Finance should have their own legal counsel". The committee will work with Chair Williams' City Depts. Committee and move along in conjunction. The Chair will also reach out to L. Berta or T. Romano regarding how such expenses would be funded/ appropriated. The Committee agreed with Commissioner Pramberger.

6. New Business - None

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.