

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 16, 2022

The first meeting of the Cambridge Charter Review Committee was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by the Chair of the Committee, Kathleen Born. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was remote via zoom.

Chair Born opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting noting that it was introductory and informational. The Chair further noted there would be a presentation from the Collins Center but that there would not be a presentation from the City's Law Department.

At the request of the Chair, Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Kaleb Abebe - Present
Jessica Dejesus Acevedo - Present
Mosammat Faria Afreen - Present
Nikolas Bowie - Present
Kevin Chen - Present
Max Clermont - Present
Jennifer Gilbert - Present
Patrick Magee - Present
Kai Long - Present
Mina Makarious - Present
Lisa Peterson - Present
Ellen Shachter - Present
Susan Shell - Present
Jim Stockard - Present
Chair, Kathleen Born

Chair Born acknowledged Michael Ward from the Collins Center. He gave a brief introduction to the Collins Center noting its mission and specifically their Charter related work and that they are currently working with Beverly, Somerville and Plymouth. Michael Ward then turned it over to Elizabeth Carbo of the Collins Center who will be the Project Team Leader. Elizabeth Carbo introduced herself noting she has four years with the Collins Center and is an elected official. Patricia Lloyd from the Collins Center spoke next, noting her experience including 30 years as an attorney.

The Chair then acknowledged the City Solicitor, Nancy Glowa who was present along with Deputy City Solicitor, Megan Bayer and Assistant City Solicitor Elliott Veloso. Solicitor Glowa indicated that one of them would be at each meeting of the Charter Review Committee to answer any legal questions the Committee might have. Solicitor Glowa further stated that at this meeting, Deputy Solicitor Megan Bayer would be providing an overview of the three statues that applied to the Committee; the Open Meeting Law, the Public Records Law, and the Conflict of Interest Law. It was also noted that the Clerk's Office would provide members with the required Open Meeting Law materials and the Conflict of Interest materials.

Deputy Solicitor Megan Bayer provided the overview of the three statues. The Chair asked the Committee if they had questions. There being no questions, the Chair stated that the next order of business was Committee Member introductions.

The Chair noted how thrilled she was to be working with the individuals on the Committee who were selected from 122 applicants. The Chair also noted that she is committed to public input. The Chair asked each Committee member to say their name, where they live in the City, and a little about why they applied to serve on the Committee. The Chair acknowledged Patrick Hayes who was serving as the zoom facilitator to call upon members. Patrick Hayes called upon the following Committee members who introduced themselves; Kaleb Abebe, Jessica Dejesus Acevedo, Mosammat Faria Afreen, Nikolas Bowie, Kevin Chen, Max Clermont, Jennifer Gilbert, Patrick Magee, Kai Long, Mina Makarious, Lisa Peterson, Ellen Shachter, Susan Shell, Jim Stockard, and Chair, Kathleen Born. Patrick Hayes thanked everyone for their introductions and noted that going forward, he would be providing administrative support to the Committee. The Chair also thanked the Committee members for their inspiring introductions.

Chair Born raised the topic of scheduling meetings and noted the challenges of competing with other City entities. The Chair did an informal survey of the membership regarding what days of the week were best. The Chair noted that the Committee needed to do its work in time to make recommendations to the City Council to put on the ballot at the next November election. The Chair noted that working out the schedule would take more time and that she would be in touch with members.

The Chair then acknowledged that there were 35 participants for the meeting which included several members of the public. The Chair thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Clerk's Note: The video for this meeting can be viewed at:

https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/307?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=d16a3abf50e6f79f112a6ccd585a3dc7

The closed-captioned transcript is available online at:

<https://app.box.com/s/9qormcahynjt4pzpt1n5opixogl3q7k5>