

**A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

April 11, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m.  
REMOTE ONLY – VIA ZOOM

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor, the City is authorized to use remote participation at meetings of the Cambridge Charter Review Committee.

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Agenda Items – Tuesday, April 11, 2023

- I. Roll Call 5:30 PM
- II. Introduction by Chair, Kathy Born
- III. Meeting Materials Submitted to the Committee to be placed on file
  - Communications from Committee Members
  - Communications from Council Members
  - Communications from the Public
  - Other Meeting Materials
- IV. Public Comment
  - Members of the public are invited to share their ideas or comments with the committee.
- V. Form of Government Discussion and Vote
  - **Facilitator:** Anna **Goal:** Discussion and sharing of opinions on the questions:
    - i. *Where do you stand - Should the head of the executive branch be an elected official (strong mayor) or remain an appointed position by the city council (city manager)?*
    - ii. *If the majority/leaning of the committee is opposite your opinion, what is most important to you to try and address to earn your consensus?*
- VI. Legislative Branch Discussion
  - **Facilitator:** Anna, Mike & Libby. **Goal:** Round Table Discussion, Sharing of Opinions from Members to answer the questions:
    - i. *Should City Council be made up of all at-large members or include all or some district members?*
    - ii. *Should City Council term lengths change or remain 2 years?*

- iii. Should the current process for electing the mayor remain (councilors elect a mayor from among the members), or change to a direct election by voters?*
- iv. Should the number of councilors increase, decrease or remain (9 members)?*