

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

The Cambridge Charter Review Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30p.m. by the Chair of the Committee, Kathleen Born. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor, this meeting was remote via Zoom.

**At the request of the Chair, Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.**

**Kaleb Abebe – Present**  
**Jessica DeJesus Acevedo – Present**  
**Mosammat Faria Afreen – Present**  
**Nikolas Bowie – Absent**  
**Kevin Chen – Present**  
**Max Clermont – Present**  
**Jennifer Gilbert – Present**  
**Kai Long – Present**  
**Patrick Magee – Present**  
**Mina Makarios – Absent\***  
**Lisa Peterson – Present**  
**Ellen Shachter – Present**  
**Susan Shell – Present**  
**Jim Stockard – Present**  
**Kathleen Born – Present**  
**Present – 13, Absent – 2. Quorum established.**

\*Member Mina Makarios was marked present at 5:47p.m.

**The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Patrick Magee who made a motion to adopt and place on file the Charter Review Committee meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 and April 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by member Lisa Peterson.**

**Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.**

**Kaleb Abebe – Yes**

**Jessica DeJesus Acevedo – Yes**

**Mosammat Faria Afreen – Yes**

**Nikolas Bowie – Absent**

**Kevin Chen – Yes**

**Max Clermont – Yes**

**Jennifer Gilbert – Yes**

**Kai Long – Yes**

**Patrick Magee – Yes**

**Mina Makarious – Absent**

**Lisa Peterson – Yes**

**Ellen Shachter – Yes**

**Susan Shell – Yes**

**Jim Stockard – Yes**

**Kathleen Born – Yes**

**Yes – 13, No – 0, Absent – 2. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Jim Stockard who made a motion to adopt and place on file communications received from the public. The motion was seconded by Kevin Chen.**

**Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.**

**Kaleb Abebe – Yes**

**Jessica DeJesus Acevedo – Yes**

**Mosammat Faria Afreen – Yes**

**Nikolas Bowie – Absent**

**Kevin Chen – Yes**

**Max Clermont – Yes**

**Jennifer Gilbert – Yes**

**Kai Long – Yes**

**Patrick Magee – Yes**

**Mina Makarious – Absent**

**Lisa Peterson – Yes**

**Ellen Shachter – Yes**

**Susan Shell – Yes**

**Jim Stockard – Yes**

**Kathleen Born – Yes**

**Yes – 13, No – 0, Absent – 2. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Kathleen Born opened Public Comment.**

Jameson Quinn shared that they have been watching the process and appreciate the work the Committee has been doing and suggested that when it comes to voting systems, start with a statement of values to fulfill those values.

Anna Corning, Project Manager, reviewed the goals for this meeting and the next meeting, with the intent to take a vote on form of government at the May 23, 2023 meeting with a majority vote. Anna Corning noted that the final report will require a 2/3 majority vote and can also include a minority report. Members of the Charter Review Committee offered questions and concerns on the plan moving forward.

Members Kai Long, Susan Shell, Ellen Shachter, Mosammat Faria Afreen, and Mina Makarios, shared concerns and offered comments about the form of government decision making process. Anna Corning and Michael Ward from the Collins Center were available to respond to questions and concerns that were raised. Anna Corning shared that she would like to do a straw poll to see which form of government members were leaning towards to begin discussion.

Anna Corning opened the discussion to Committee members on the City Manager-Council-Mayor and Mayor-CAFO-Council form of government. Anna Corning recognized Elizabeth Corbo from the Collins Center who shared a chart titled “Decision Chart for Article 3: Executive Branch” (Attachment A). The chart reviewed the potential decision areas which included qualifications, term of Office, compensation, prohibitions, evaluation, goal setting, powers/duties, appointments by Office, temporary appointments, temporary vacancy in Office, removal (City Manager), and Veto (Mayor). While reviewing the Chart, notes and questions that were brought forward by Committee members were added to the document (Attachment B). Members from the Collins Center and Anna Corning were available to respond to questions and concerns from Committee members.

**The Charter Review Committee adjourned at approximately 7:30p.m.**

Attachment A – Decision Chart for Article 3: Executive Branch

Attachment B – Decision Chart for Article 3: Executive Branch with comments and questions

**Clerk’s Note:** The City of Cambridge/22 City View records every City Council meeting and every City Council Committee meeting. This is a permanent record.

The video for this meeting can be viewed at:

[https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/499?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=04bab9598a2b86d0b810dd6a3260cf5a](https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/499?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=04bab9598a2b86d0b810dd6a3260cf5a)