

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 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 – Absent
Jessica DeJesus Acevedo – Absent*
Mosammat Faria Afreen – Absent*
Nikolas Bowie – Present
Kevin Chen – Present
Max Clermont – Present
Jennifer Gilbert – Present
Kai Long – Present
Patrick Magee – Absent
Mina Makarios – Absent
Lisa Peterson – Present
Ellen Shachter – Absent
Susan Shell – Present
Jim Stockard – Present
Kathleen Born – Present

Present – 9, Absent – 6. Quorum established.

*Jessica DeJesus Acevedo was marked present at 5:40p.m.

*Mosammat Faria Afreen was marked present at 6:05p.m.

The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Jim Stockard who made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from August 15, 2023.

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

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

Yes – 9, No – 0, Absent 6. Motion passed.

The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Kevin Chen who made a motion to adopt communications that were received from Committee members, City Councillors, and the public.

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

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

Yes – 9, No – 0, Absent 6. Motion passed.

The Chair, Kathleen Born opened Public Comment.

The committee heard public comment from **Heather Hoffman**.

Anna Corning, Project Manager, shared that she would like to take votes on the proposed draft language for City Council Goal Setting, City Council Budget Priorities, and the City Manager Annual Review.

The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Susan Shell who made a motion to adopt the proposed language for City Council Goal Setting. (See attached)

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

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

Yes – 10, No – 0, Absent 5. Motion passed.

The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Jim Stockard who made a motion to adopt the proposed language for City Council Budget Priorities. (See attached)

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

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

Yes – 10, No – 0, Absent 5. Motion passed.

**The Chair, Kathleen Born recognized member Susan Shell who made a motion to adopt the proposed language for the City Manager Annual Review. (See attached)
Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.**

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

Yes – 10, No – 0, Absent 5. Motion passed.

Anna Corning recognized Member Max Clermont who gave an overview of a presentation (Attachment A) on Lottery-Selected Panels. The presentation reviewed the principles and benefits, types of lottery-selected panels, and the process design options. Member Clermont and Anna Corning were available to respond to comments and concerns from Committee members. Many Committee members offered comments that were in support of a resident assembly or citizen panel, and shared their excitement and suggestions on how the Charter and the City can move forward with one. In addition to Anna Corning and Member Clermont, representatives from the Collins Center, Michael Ward and Patricia Lloyd, were available to provide information on the topic. Committee members shared that they would like to continue the discussion on resident assemblies and citizen panels to have the opportunity to create language that would be appropriate to bring to the City Council.

Anna Corning shared that when the Charter Review working group on resident/citizen assemblies met, the intention was to have a short-term resident/citizen group to be tasked with a specific topic or policy that may be related to a goal from the City Council. Anna Corning asked Committee members to consider whether that is the type of group they would be interested in creating language for, or would they be more interested in having a resident/citizen group that is created to meet on a long-term basis and tasked with more than one topic or policy throughout their term. Anna Corning shared on the screen a preliminary draft document from the Collins Center on Public Communication and Engagement, which was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. The document included two proposed options for potential language in the Charter. Member Nikolos Bowie offered a detailed explanation of the proposed option number two. Anna Corning opened the discussion to Committee members, with members offering their opinions and suggestions on the proposed language.

It was noted by Anna Corning that the Zoom recording only began halfway through the meeting, so only a portion of the meeting would be able to be viewed by the public.

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

Attachment A – Presentation on Lottery Selected Panels

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/573?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=73db1671a06847e72d376b376c4ff023