

**Charter Review Commission
Minutes**

June 1, 2022

City Council Chambers
City Hall, 90 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio

(Audio recording available in the Office of the City Clerk)

Committee Members in Attendance:

Trudy Bartley, Chair
Desmond “Dez” Bryant
Keary McCarthy
Norwood “Buzz” Thomas
Nana Watson

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Bartley opened the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Opening remarks by Commission members

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Watson moved, Mr. Bryant seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor’s staff liaison, Christina Ratleff made comments on language related to Mayor’s Cabinet/Acting Mayor. Discussion followed.

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to approve the language related to Mayor’s Cabinet/Acting Mayor. Mr. McCarthy moved for approval, Mr. Thomas seconded approval of the language. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Chief Counsel Lara Baker-Morrish, City Attorney’s office, presented comments regarding the amendment to the original language related to open meetings. Discussion and comments followed.

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to approve the language related to open meetings. Mr. Thomas moved for approval, Ms. Watson seconded. All voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Bryant, who voted no. Motion passed.

New Business

John Oswalt, staff liaison reported on previously passed recommendations to be included in the final report to create new sections to restrict monopolies in the charter and create disclosure requirements. Second piece of that as amendments to existing sections 43-46 of the Charter creating signature requirement by new council districts related to petitions. The proposal is to amend recommendation to remove the signature threshold for districts.

Mr. Bryant commented regarding removal of signature requirement district threshold as part of the amendment as it presents undue burden on collection. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bartley asked for motion to exclude language from sections 43 – 46 regarding signature threshold within districts. Mr. McCarthy moved, Mr. Bryant seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed

Administrative Items

John Oswalt, staff liaison, presented regarding scheduling of 2nd public comment hearing for the last week of June. Date is forthcoming. A draft report for the commission's review has begun. Final report per Charter is due to Council on July 10. Council will conduct a public hearing in mid-July on recommendations. Legislation is anticipated for the last Council meeting in July.

Chair Bartley commented regarding addressing comments from the public at the next public hearing. Proposals from the public can also be submitted during the public hearing as well, having been submitted in advance. Discussion followed.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Watson moved, Mr. Thomas seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Angie Blevins, City Clerk