



City of Portland Charter Commissioners Meeting

via Zoom
Monday, June 28, 2021
6:00 PM

1. ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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2. Call to Order - 6:00 PM

City Clerk, Katherine Jones, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. (All Commissioners were present).

3. Swearing in of the Charter Commissioners

City Clerk, Katherine Jones, administered the oath of office to the Charter Commissioners and witnessed their signatures.

4. Introductions - 6:05 PM

The Charter Commissioners introduced themselves to each other and to the public

5. Overview by James Katsiaficas - Attorney with Perkins Thompson - 6:15 PM

- a. Right to Know Law (FOAA)

Conflict of Interest

State Law on Charter Commissions

James Katsiaficas, Attorney with Perkins, Thompson, gave an overview of the Right to know laws governing public meetings, and public records. Attorney Katsiaficas also gave an overview of laws and rules governing Conflict of Interests. Lastly State Statutes governing the Charter Process, outlining specific dates for the Commission to have a public hearing, when their first report needs to be given, and when the final report is due for the November 2022 election.

6. Adoption of Procedural Rules - James Katsiaficas - 6:30 PM

It was decided to wait until the next Charter Commission meeting to adopt the procedural rules. In the interim the City Clerk will email to the Commissioners the prior Commissioners rules and will distribute Community Agreement samples.

7. Deadlines for Charter Changes to any Ballot – City Clerk - 6:50 PM

Katherine Jones, gave a time line for the Commissioners once they file their final report. Second meeting in June 2022 the City Council Agenda will have an order setting the public hearing for the Charter Commission recommendations.

July City Council meeting will be the public hearing and first reading of the orders.

August meeting will be the second reading and vote to send the recommendations to the voters.

Lastly State Law requires a minimum turnout of voters or a least 30% of the last gubernatorial election, which was 34,082. (Total voters needed to turn out is 10,224).

8. Election of Officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary - 7:00 PM

Motion was made by Commissioner Washburn to nominate Commissioner Kebede for Chairman and was seconded by Commissioner Lizanecz.

Motion was made by Commissioner Waxman to nominate Commissioner Eglinton for Chairman and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. -

9 Votes for Commissioner Kebede and 3 Votes for Commissioner Eglinton.

Commissioner Michael Kebede was voted in as Chairman for the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Houston to nominate Commissioner Stewart-Bouley as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Commissioner Kebede.

Motion was made by Commissioner Waxman to nominate Commissioner Eglinton as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Commissioner Lizanecz.

9 Votes for Commissioner Stewart-Bouley and 3 Votes for Commissioner Eglinton.

Commissioner Shay Stewart-Bouley was voted in as Vice Chairman for the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chann to nominate Commissioner Lizanecz as Secretary and was seconded by Commissioner Eglinton.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lizanecz to nominate Commissioner Eglinton as Secretary and was seconded by Commissioner Kebede.

Commissioner Lizanecz withdrew.

Motion was made by Commissioner Washburn to nominate herself as Secretary seconded by Commissioner Kebede.

7 votes for Commissioner Eglinton and 5 Votes for Commissioner Washburn.

Commissioner Peter Eglinton was voted in as Secretary.

Chairman Kebede asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Waxman and seconded by Commissioner Chann to accept the agenda. Passage 9-3.

9. Set Date/Time of Public Hearing - 7:45 PM

Motion was made by Commissioner Chan to set the public hearing for July 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M seconded by Councilor Waxman. Passage 10-2.

10. Set Date/Time for Next Meeting and Topics for Agenda - 8:00 PM

Motion was made by Commissioner Chann and seconded by Commissioner Stewart-Bouley to meet on July 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Passage 12-0.

11. Other Business - 8:15 PM

Motion was made by Commissioner Barowitz and seconded by Commissioner Lizanecz to add to the agenda for the next meeting the following:

Hiring of Staff and consultant for the Committee.

Financial Statement from the last Charter Commission.

Passage 11-1.

12. Adjournment - 9:00 PM

Motion was made by Commissioner Washburn and seconded by Commissioner Waxman to adjourn. Passage 12-0 at 9:17 P.M.