



City of Portland Charter Commission Agenda

Charter Commission Meeting March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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1. Zoom Information

- a. This meeting will be held remotely pursuant to the Remote Meeting Policy adopted by the Charter Commission and as authorized under 1 M.R.S. 403-B because of the existence of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the committee to meet by remote methods. Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be available following the meeting.
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2. Call to Order (7:00-7:05 pm)
3. Review and Approval of Minutes 7:05-7:10 pm)
 - a. Approval of draft March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes.
4. Deliberation on Governance Models (7:10-8:50 pm)
 - a. Description: Commissioners will deliberate about reforms to the basic structure of Portland's government.

Relevant document (s).
 - a. Commissioner Sheikh Yousefs's governance model proposal
 - b. Governance Committee's governance model proposal
 - c. Matrix comparison of two models
 - d. Commissioner Barowitz's organizational charts
 - e. Commissioner Chann's organizational chart
 - f. Relevant research and interviews
5. First read of Redistricting proposal form Elections Committee (8:50-8:55 pm)
 - a. Description: members of the Elections Committee will present and field clarifying questions on a Council Redistricting proposal. There will be no vote on this proposal.
Relevant document(s):
 - a. Council Districts Proposal
 - b.. Council Structure Data
 - c. LWV City Council Makeup
 - d. NLC-Cities 101
 - e. The Trades off Between At Large and Single Member Districts
 - f. The Effect of at Large Versus District Elections on Racial Representation in U.S. Municipalities.
 - g. The Context Matters: The Effects of Single-Member versus At-Large Districts on City Council Diversity.
6. Costs
 - a. General discussion about costs and government spending.
7. New Business
8. Adjourn