
METROPOLITAN CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

January 6, 2026

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The Metropolitan Charter Revision Commission met in Council Committee Room 1 of the Metropolitan Historic Courthouse on January 6, 2026. The following members of the Commission were present: Dewey Branstetter, Chairman; Hal Hardin, Vice Chairman; Eileen Beehan, Susan Short Jones, Tom Lee, Jim Murphy, and Joy Sims. Staff members present were Legal Counsel, Nicki Eke and Metropolitan Clerk, Austin Kyle.

Chairman Branstetter opened the meeting and asked the Clerk to record the roll. The Clerk indicated that all Commissioners were present. Chairman Branstetter proceeded to open the public comment period. Three members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed Charter amendment. Chairman Branstetter closed the public comment period.

The next order of business was the Commission's consideration of the minutes of the July 12, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Hardin moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Short Jones and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission (7-0).

The Metropolitan Clerk announced certain appeal rights as required by Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 2.68.030.

Chairman Branstetter called for consideration by the Commission of the proposed petition submitted by Mr. Mike Kopp et al, on December 8, 2025. Chairman Branstetter recognized petitioners Mr. Mike Kopp and Mr. Saul Solomon, to provide a summary of the proposed Charter amendments contained in the petition. After some discussion, Chairman Branstetter called on Legal Counsel Nicki Eke to provide a summary of the memorandum that had been provided by the Department of Law. Counsel Eke indicated that the proposed petition does not comply with Section 19.03 of the Metropolitan Charter by failing to convey a reasonable certainty of meaning with regard to its definition of “affordable” and “workforce housing”. The proposed petition adopts the definition of “affordable” and “workforce housing” in the 2026 version of Chapter 2.213 of the Metropolitan Code. Chapter 2.213 of the Metropolitan Code, however, expired on July 2, 2024 and has been null and void since July 2, 2024.

Chairman Branstetter opened deliberation on the proposed petition. After some discussion, Commissioner Murphy moved that the Commission not certify the proposed petition as submitted due to the defects described by Legal Counsel, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Beehan and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission (7-0).

After discussion, the petitioners indicated their intent to submit a revised version of the petition that would correct the defects described by the Department of Law. Chairman Brandstetter recommended that another meeting be tentatively scheduled to consider the revised submission. If the revised petition is timely filed, the Commission will meet again on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Charter Revision Commission, the meeting was adjourned by motion properly seconded and unanimously approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



AUSTIN KYLE, SECRETARY