
METROPOLITAN CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

January 22, 2026

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The Metropolitan Charter Revision Commission met in Council Committee Room 1 of the Metropolitan Historic Courthouse on January 22, 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. One member of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed Charter amendment as drafted. Chairman Branstetter closed the public comment period.

The next order of business was the Commission's consideration of the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Murphy 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 revised petition proposal submitted by Mr. Mike Kopp et al, on January 9, 2026. Chairman Branstetter recognized petitioners Mr. Mike Kopp and Mr. Saul Solomon, to provide a summary of the revisions that were introduced in the proposed Charter amendment petition. After some discussion, Commissioner Lee asked Legal Counsel Nicki Eke how the revised proposal differed from the original proposed Charter petition previously considered by the Commission. Counsel Eke indicated that the revised proposed petition had corrected the defect in the previous proposal by referencing a valid Tennessee Code Annotated section regarding the definitions for “affordable” and “workforce housing” and that there were no additional legal impediments to the proposed petition as drafted. After further discussion, Commissioner Beehan moved that the Commission certify the revised proposed petition, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission (7-0).

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

Respectfully Submitted,

AUSTIN KYLE, SECRETARY