

# **METROPOLITAN CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 4, 2026

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The Metropolitan Charter Revision Commission met in Council Committee Room 1 of the Metropolitan Historic Courthouse on May 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The following members of the Commission were present: Dewey Branstetter, Chairman; Hal Hardin, Vice Chairman; Susan Short Jones, Jim Murphy, and Joy Sims. Staff members present were Legal Counsel, Lora Fox and Abby Greer; Metropolitan Clerk, Austin Kyle.

Chairman Branstetter opened the meeting and asked the Clerk to record the roll. The Clerk indicated that Commissioners Beehan and Lee were absent and all other 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 22, 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 (5-0).

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 April 27, 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. Commissioner Murphy stated that his initial inclination is that the revised title of the amendment petition corrects the clarity issues that were raised in the Chancery Court. After some discussion, Commissioner Murphy moved to certify the revised petition proposal, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Short Jones. Commissioners discussed the potential confusion caused by referencing the “Nashville Fairgrounds” in the explanatory summary, whereas the language for the ballot references the existing terminology in the Charter of “Tennessee State Fairgrounds.” After further discussion, Commissioner Murphy withdrew the previous motion and moved that the Commission not certify the revised petition proposal so that the petitioners may further clarify the terminology to alleviate the aforementioned confusion, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Short Jones and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission (5-0).

In anticipation of a new revised petition being filed, the Commissioners set a tentative meeting date for Friday, May 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. 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 (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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AUSTIN KYLE, SECRETARY