

Baltimore City Charter Review Commission Meeting
November 7, 2023
6PM
Curran Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Steven Andrew Ellis, Terrell Boston-Smith, Kathy Christian, David Fink, Dr. Monica Faulkner, Roger Hartley, Dayvon Love, Ernest Le, Reverend Kobi Little, Julianne Montes de Oca, Benjamin Orr, Erin S. O’Keefe, Matt Stegman, Julianne Tarver, Esq., Victor Tervalva, and Nicholas Blendy

Staff Present: Ben Guthorn, Department of Legislative Reference; Aaron Degraffenreidt, Counsel for the City Council; Hilary Ruley, Law Department; Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office; Chezia Cager, Mayor’s Office; Timothy Goldsby, Office of the Comptroller; Richard Krummerich, Council Services.

Background: This meeting serves as the inaugural convening of the Charter Review Commission. The initial convening serves as an introduction of members to one another, an introduction of staff to the Commission, familiarization with the Baltimore City Charter requirements for the actions of the Commission, a general overview of the content of the Baltimore City Charter, election of leadership for the Commission, and general discussion of the timeline for action required of the Commission.

Motions Taken:

1. Nomination of the Chair of the Commission
 - a. Individual nominated: Victor Tervalva
 - b. Motion made by: Julianne Montes de Oca
 - c. Voice vote: unanimous
2. Designation of Vice Co-Chairs
 - a. Motion made by: Matt Stegman
 - b. Voice vote: unanimous
3. Nomination of Vice Chairs of the Commission
 - a. Individual nominated: Reverend Kobi Little
 - i. Motion made by: Reverend Kobi Little
 - ii. Voice vote: unanimous
 - b. Individual nominated: Terrell Boston-Smith
 - i. Motion made by: Matt Stegman
 - ii. Voice vote: unanimous

Discussion:

1. Committees
 - a. 3 recommended committees based upon general subject areas of the Baltimore City Charter

- i. Executive and Administrative Functions Subcommittee
 - ii. Legislative and Oversight Subcommittee
 - iii. Board of Estimates, Finance, and Procurement Subcommittee
 - b. Committee designations will be drafted before next meeting
 - c. Each member of leadership – Chair, 2 Vice Chairs – shall serve as Chairs of each of the committees
 - d. Committee work will done between full Charter Review Commission meetings and Chairs of the committees will report the work of each subcommittee back to the full Commission
 - e. Scheduling poll will be sent to all members to determine the next convening of the Commission
2. Regarding Latino Representation on the Commission. (Added to Revised Minutes)
 - a. Rev. Kobi Little polled the commissioners present to determine if anyone identified as Latino.
 - b. No commissioners identify as Latino.
 - c. Rev. Little requested that the minutes reflect the lack of Latino representation on the Commission and that the appropriate leaders be notified.

Adjournment