



MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2025 MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

A duly noticed meeting of the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission was held at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission in Manhattan, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Chair Richard Buery, presided at the meeting. Chair Buery called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sharon Greenberger, Vice Chair
- Leila Bozorg, Secretary
- Grace Bonilla
- Shams DaBaron
- Anthony Richardson
- Anita Laremont
- Dr. Lisette Nieves*
- Diane Savino
- Carl Weisbrod
- Valerie White*
- Kathryn Wylde

* Attended via teleconference.

Chair Buery provided an overview of the Charter Revision Commission's role and expressed the Commission's gratitude for the public's participation in the charter revision process. Chair Buery also explained ways for the public to provide testimony in-person or virtually at public hearings, including at the next public input session in Brooklyn on May 19, 2025, and by submitting written testimony online.

Executive Director Alec Schierenbeck of the Charter Revision Commission presented on the Commission's Staff Preliminary Report and welcomed questions from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners and Executive Director Schierenbeck discussed the preliminary report and staff recommendations.

Chair Buery called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held April 23, 2025. Upon motion, the minutes were adopted unanimously by all Commissioners present.

Chair Buery called for the Commissioners to consider a resolution to accept the preliminary report and staff recommendations. The Chair acknowledged that a motion to adopt the preliminary report does not preclude additional items from being considered by the Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner Weisbrod as seconded by Commissioner Laremont, the following resolution to accept the preliminary report and staff recommendations was considered:

Resolution No. 4

Resolution of the Charter Revision Commission to accept the Preliminary Report and staff recommendations.

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, the Mayor of the City of New York established the Charter Revision Commission (the "Commission") and appointed thirteen individuals to serve on the Commission, pursuant to sections 36(4) and 36(6)(d) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Commission issued the Charter Revision Commission Preliminary Report on April 30, 2025, which identified areas of focus based on testimony received by the Commission from the public, city agencies, and public officials; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission Preliminary Report contains staff recommendations to the Commission relating to housing, elections and voter turnout, nonprofit procurement and payment, climate and infrastructure, and modernization of the City Map; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution indicates the Commission's acceptance of the Charter Revision Commission Preliminary Report as a synthesis of information considered by the Commission to date and the intent of the Commission to take the staff recommendations under consideration as the Commission determines the final proposals to be presented to voters at the general election on November 4, 2025; and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Commission directs the staff to continue its consideration of the recommendations contained within the Preliminary Report;

And be it further RESOLVED that the Commission will continue its review of the Charter in its entirety and will consider any additional matters raised in public hearings, through written testimony, or by staff beyond those named herein and the Commission directs the staff to compile all additional information gathered for consideration by the Commission in preparation of the Final Report;

And be it further RESOLVED that the Commission directs the staff to prepare a Final Report and ballot questions and abstracts consistent with the foregoing directives and with such further amendments as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the Chair with notice to the Commissioners, and provided further that such Final Report and ballot questions and abstracts, cumulatively reflecting the Commission's proposals, shall be submitted to the Commission for consideration of whether to place such proposals before the voters at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025.

The resolution was approved unanimously (10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions) by all Commissioners present.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Brodheim & Eric Ouyang
New York City Charter Revision Commission

Adopted:



Leila Bozorg, Secretary
New York City Charter Revision Commission

May 19, 2025