



**MINUTES FOR THE JULY 21, 2025 HEARING OF THE  
NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Charter Revision Commission was held at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission Hearing Room at 253 Broadway in Manhattan at 1 p.m. on July 21, 2025.

Chair Richard Buery called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sharon Greenberger, Vice Chair
- Leila Bozorg, Secretary
- Grace Bonilla
- Shams DaBaron
- Anita Laremont
- Dr. Lisette Nieves
- Anthony Richardson
- Julie Samuels
- Diane Savino
- Carl Weisbrod

- Valerie White
- Kathryn Wylde

Chair Buery provided an overview of the Charter Revision Commission's work and expressed the Commission's gratitude for the public's participation in the Charter revision process. Chair Buery shared his pride in the Commission's proposals and the hope that future Commissions might further explore open primaries. Each Commissioner provided a brief statement thanking the public for their engagement and staff for their work, and articulating some of their reasons for voting to approve the ballot questions. Several Commissioners also shared their hope that a future Commission would explore open primaries.

Executive Director Alec Schierenbeck read each proposed ballot question, which was followed by a roll call vote.

First proposed Charter amendment: Fast Track Affordable Housing to Build More Affordable Housing Across the City: "Fast track publicly financed affordable housing. Fast track applications delivering affordable housing in the community districts that produce the least affordable housing, significantly reducing review time. Maintain Community Board review. 'Yes' fast tracks applications at the Board of Standards and Appeals or City Planning Commission. 'No' leaves affordable housing subject to longer review and final decision at City Council."

The first ballot proposal was approved unanimously.

Second proposed Charter amendment: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects: “Simplify review of modest amounts of additional housing and minor infrastructure projects, significantly reducing review time. Maintain Community Board review, with final decision by the City Planning Commission. ‘Yes’ simplifies review for limited land-use changes, including modest housing and minor infrastructure projects. ‘No’ leaves these changes subject to longer review, with final decision by City Council.”

The second ballot proposal was approved unanimously.

Third proposed Charter amendment: Establish an Affordable Housing Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Representation: “Establish an Affordable Housing Appeals Board with the Council Speaker, local Borough President, and Mayor to review Council actions that reject or change applications creating affordable housing. ‘Yes’ creates the three-member Affordable Housing Appeals Board to reflect Council, borough, and citywide perspectives. ‘No’ leaves affordable housing subject to the Mayor’s veto and final decision by City Council.”

Commissioner Laremont highlighted a change to the third proposed ballot measure that resulted from public feedback. Whereas the proposal, as described in the Commission’s proposed final report, had jurisdiction over all applications subject to ULURP, the third proposed ballot measure was limited to reviewing solely applications that directly facilitate affordable housing.

The third ballot proposal was approved unanimously.

Fourth proposed Charter amendment: Create a Digital City Map to Modernize City Operations: “Consolidate borough map office and address assignment functions, and create one digital City Map at Department of City Planning. Today, the City Map consists of paper maps across five offices. ‘Yes’ creates a consolidated, digital City Map. ‘No’ leaves in place five separate map and address assignment functions, administered by Borough President Offices.

The fourth ballot proposal was approved unanimously.

Fifth proposed Charter amendment: Move Local Elections to Presidential Election Years to Increase Voter Participation: “Move the City’s primary and general election dates so that City elections are held in the same year as Federal Presidential elections, when permitted by state law. ‘Yes’ moves City elections to the same year as Federal Presidential Elections, when permitted by state law. ‘No’ leaves laws unchanged.”

The fifth ballot proposal with 12 in favor, 1 opposed (Commissioner Savino), and 0 abstentions.

Upon motion, Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the Final Report of the Commission.

Upon motion, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution that directs the filing of the ballot questions with the City Clerk to be submitted to the voters at the November 4, 2025 general election and directs the staff to take appropriate actions to make such filing.

Upon motion, the minutes from the meeting of the Commission held on July 7, 2025 were unanimously adopted.

Chair Buery requested and the Commission granted unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting after the minutes have been shared with Commissioners and Commissioners have had two weeks to provide comment on the proposed minutes.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by the Chair at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily Richman  
New York City Charter Revision Commission

**Adopted by the Chair on August 25, 2025, pursuant to unanimous consent granted by a vote of the Commission on July 21, 2025.**