



Minutes of the June 4, 2026 Meeting of the New York City Commission on Government Efficiency

A duly noticed meeting of the 2026 New York City Commission on Government Efficiency was held at the Landmarks Preservation Commission in Manhattan, at 5:00pm on June 4th, 2026.

The Chair, Patrick Gaspard, presided at the meeting. Also present were the following Commissioners:

- Emma Wolfe, Vice Chair
- Susan Kang, Secretary
- Marco Carrión
- Henry Garrido
- Kapil Longani
- Ruth Messinger
- Theodore Moore
- Ana Oliveira
- Dawn Pinnock
- Carlina Rivera
- Marc Shaw
- Barika Williams
- Kathy Wylde
- Esther Rosario

Chair Gaspard confirmed the dates of the Commission on Government Efficiencies Public Hearings:

- June 9th
- June 10th

- June 11th
- June 22nd
- June 23rd
- June 30th
- July 1st
- July 6th
- July 8th
- July 13th

Each Commissioner was introduced by Chair Gaspard and provided introductory remarks.

Upon motion by Chair Gaspard as seconded by Commissioner Longani the following three resolutions were considered:

Resolution No. 1

Resolution of the Charter Revision Commission to designate staff and establish authority to conduct business of the Commission.

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2026, the Mayor of the City of New York established the Charter Revision Commission pursuant to section 36(4) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of New York has appointed fifteen individuals to serve as the New York City Charter Revision Commission (hereafter "the Commission") pursuant to section 36(4) of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to promote the effective functioning of the Commission as it undertakes its mandate of reviewing the New York City Charter in its entirety; and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Commission hereby appoints Ann Cheng as Executive Director of the Commission;

And may it be further RESOLVED, that consistent with section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Executive Director shall have the power to conduct the day-to-day business of the Commission, including but not limited to the authority to enter contracts on behalf of the commission, appoint and remove staff, fix their compensation, and establish policies and procedures for staff necessary to ensure the professional and orderly conduct of the staffs work;

And may it be further RESOLVED, that the Executive Director may request and accept any and all services, facilities, materials, data or funds on behalf of the Commission in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law section 36;

And may it be further RESOLVED, that the Commission delegates to the Chair, who may further delegate duties to the Executive Director, the power to take all steps necessary, consistent with any actions taken by the Commission, to ensure that the Commission meet as appropriate, including scheduling and providing notice of meetings and hearings, and preparing and distributing agendas and determining the order of business for meetings and hearings.

Resolution 2

Resolution of the Charter Revision Commission establishing an order of succession to the Chair.

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2026, the Mayor of the City of New York established the Charter Revision Commission pursuant to section 36(4) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of New York has designated Patrick Gaspard to serve as Chair of the Commission, Emma Wolfe to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission, and Susan Kang to serve as Secretary of the Commission.

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to ensure continuity of operations of the Charter Revision Commission in the absence of the Chair; and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Commission hereby designates Vice Chair Emma Wolfe to act in place of the Chair should he be unable to execute the duties of his office;

And may it be further RESOLVED, that should the Chair be unable to execute the duties of his office, Vice Chair Emma Wolfe shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Chair until a new Chair is designated by the Mayor consistent with section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law or the term of the Charter Revision Commission concludes.

Resolution No. 3

Resolution of the Charter Revision Commission to allow remote participation by Commissioners with an extraordinary circumstance.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 103-a of the Public Officers Law, the Charter Revision Commission (hereafter "the Commission") held a public meeting on June 4, 2026, at which it considered the adoption of a resolution to allow certain use of videoconferencing to conduct its meetings pursuant to the requirements of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (also known as the Open Meetings Law); and

WHEREAS, remote participation in Commission meetings offers flexibility to Commissioners and benefits the public by enabling greater participation in the meeting process.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that, the use of limited videoconferencing to conduct meetings of the Commission is hereby authorized in conformance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Law and this Resolution;

THAT a minimum number of Commissioners, sufficient to constitute a quorum of the Commission, shall be present in a physical location or locations where the public can attend in person; and

THAT where a quorum of Commissioners is physically present at a Commission meeting where the public can attend in person, any Commissioner not needed to fulfill the Commission's quorum requirement may attend and participate in such meeting by videoconference from any location, and without providing access to members of the public to such location, provided that such Commissioner is unable to physically attend the meeting due to a disability or to extraordinary circumstances, which include illness, caregiving responsibilities, and any other significant or unexpected event that precludes the Commissioner's physical attendance at such meeting; and

THAT a Commissioner participating in a meeting by videoconference shall be capable of being seen, heard and identified by members of the public while the open portion of such meeting is occurring, except when the Commission is in executive session; and

THAT any Commissioner wanting to participate in a meeting of the Commission by videoconference shall, prior to such meeting, notify the Executive Director of such Commissioner's intent to do so and obtain their consent thereto; and

THAT when any Commissioner, pursuant to this Resolution, participates in a meeting of the Commission by videoconferencing from a location that is not open to the public due to a disability or to extraordinary circumstances, the Commission shall provide the opportunity for members of the public to view such meeting by video, and to participate in proceedings by videoconference in real time where public comment or participation is authorized; and

THAT the authorization described in this Resolution applies also to meetings of any committees or subcommittees of the Commission. This Resolution shall take effect on January 8, 2025.

The three resolutions were approved (15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions) by all Commissioners present.

Executive Director Ann Cheng gave her opening remarks on the responsibilities of City agencies.

Alex Kipp of the New York City Conflicts of Interests Board presented on the ethical obligations of Commissioners on the New York City Charter Commission of Government Efficiency.

Joseph Beck and Ben Miller of the New York City Law Department summarized the history of the New York City Charter, the legal authorities of Charter Revision Commissions, and the responsibilities of the Commission.

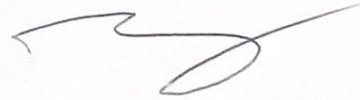
- Commissioner Williams asked whether the Commission could pass local laws.
- Commissioner Messinger asked whether the Commission could make recommendations on topics over which the charter does not have authority.

Chair moved to adjourn, seconded by Henry Garrido. All members voted in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Solomon Medintz

Adopted:



Susan Kang, Secretary

**New York City Charter Revision
Commission**