

**Minutes for the March 18, 2019 Meeting of the
New York City Charter Revision Commission 2019**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Charter Revision Commission 2019 was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Manhattan at 6:00pm on March 18, 2019.

The Chair, Gail Benjamin, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sal Albanese
- Dr. Lilliam Barrios-Paoli
- James Caras
- Lisette Camilo
- Eduardo Cordero, Sr.
- Stephen Fiala
- Paula Gavin
- Alison Hirsh
- Sateesh Nori
- Carl Weisbrod

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gavin to adopt the Minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COMMISSION

Chair Benjamin invited four panels of witnesses to testify on the role of the Public Advocate and Corporation Counsel, general governance issues, ranked choice voting, and the elections calendar. Following each panelist's opening remarks, Commission members questioned the panelists on their areas of expertise.

The first panel was composed of the following individuals:

- New York Attorney General Letitia James (former Public Advocate)
- Betsy Gotbaum (former Public Advocate)
- Mark Green (former Public Advocate)

The second panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Karen Griffin (Law Department)
- Victor Kovner (former Corporation Counsel)

The third panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Stanley Brezenoff (former First Deputy Mayor)
- Doug Muzzio (Baruch College)

The fourth panel was composed of the following individual:

- Michael Ryan (New York City Board of Elections)

Following the testimony of the four panels, a motion was made by Commissioner Weisbrod to adjourn. The motion was seconded and thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.