

Minutes for the City of Lansing Charter Commission

Regular Meeting | Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 6:30 PM

Tony Benavides City Council Chambers,
Lansing City Hall, 10th floor, 124 W. Michigan Ave.

Present: Commissioners Adams Simon, Bauer, Boyd, Dowd, Jeffries, Lopez (6:35), Qawwee, Washington

Absent: Commissioner Anderson

Staff Present: Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson, Deputy Clerk Drever, Attorney Rewa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeffries at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Clerk Jackson called the roll of the Commission. A quorum was present.

Adopt the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Dowd to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Boyd to adopt June 3rd, 2025, minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

Presentation

A. Legal Instructions on Commission's Ability to Inform

Attorney Rewa presented an in-depth overview of the Campaign Finance Act and how it pertains to the Commission's work as a body and the Commissioners' actions as individuals.

Then, she took questions from the Commissioners on their ability to inform voters about the proposed charter.

Officer Reports

Chair

Chair Jeffries spoke about the plan for the Commission moving forward. He addressed the process with the Attorney General's office, and potential avenues for informing the public of the proposed Charter. Makes mention of when to meet prior to ballots going out on September 25, 2025.

Discussion followed on the Commission's budget, the Commission's timeline, and the public information strategy.

Chair Jeffries called the next Commission meeting for July 15, 2025.

Vice-Chair

No report.

Clerk

Deputy Clerk Jackson shared a draft document that highlights changes in the proposed charter. Discussion followed on the costs associated with information efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Dowd to authorize up to \$5,000 may be spent by the Commission for graphic design of an informational postcard.

Motion carried.

Vice-Chair Adams Simon commented to ensure that all communities are visited in the information efforts.

Commissioners briefly discussed the draft highlights document.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

Commissioner Remarks

No remarks were made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeffries at 7:25 PM.