

Minutes for the City of Lansing Charter Commission
Regular Meeting | June 4, 2024, 6:30 PM
Tony Benavides City Council Chambers
Lansing City Hall, 10th floor, 124 W. Michigan Ave

Present: Commissioners Adams Simon, Anderson, Bauer, Boyd, Dowd, Jeffries, Lopez, Qawwee, Washington

Absent: none

Staff Present: Clerk Swope; Deputy Clerks Jackson, Drever

Call to Order

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

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

Adopt Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Bauer to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Jack Alexander spoke about the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority.

Candy Rice spoke about board and commission appointments and the make-up of City Council.

Mitch Rice spoke about the importance of a comprehensive review.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Qawwee to approve the minutes of May 21st, 2024 as presented.

Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

Chair

Chair Jeffries shared information about the Charter Commission website, <https://www.lansingmi.gov/1233/Charter-Commission>. He also asked commissioners to submit a picture and biography for the website.

Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Adams Simon encouraged transparency, open communication, and engagement amongst the commissioners and the public. She also spoke to the importance of diverse interests and proper representation.

Clerk

Clerk Swope provided an update about access to City phones and laptops. He noted that all commissioners may be reached by emailing chartercommission@lansingmi.gov.

Clerk Swope provided the budget update: the Commission has spent \$86,565.74 and has a balance of \$413,434.26.

Unfinished Business

Legal Counsel RFP

Moved by Vice-Chair Adams Simon to approve the RFP.

Moved by Vice-Chair Adams Simon to amend the proposal to set a timeline for 3 weeks from the date posted.

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice-Chair Adams Simon to approve the RFP as amended.

Motion Carried.

New Business

Community Meeting Plan

The Commission discussed the Community Meeting Plan times and feedback solicitation.

Stakeholder Presentations Plan

The Commission discussed the Stakeholder Presentation Plan.

Proposed Charter Review Process

The Commission discussed the Proposed Charter Review Process.

Commissioner Remarks

The Commission discussed social media usage and accessibility of meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was Adjourned by Chair Jeffries at 7:59 PM.