

Minutes for the City of Lansing Charter Commission

Regular Meeting | Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 6:30 PM

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

Present: Adams Simon, Anderson, Boyd, Dowd, Jeffries, Lopez (6:35 PM), Qawwee, Washington

Absent: Bauer (excused)

Staff Present: City Clerk Swope, Deputy Clerk Drever

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Chair Jeffries noted that Commissioner Bauer's absence is excused.

Adopt the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Boyd to adopt the agenda.

Motion Carried.

Approval Minutes

Moved by Vice-Chair Adams Simon to approve the August 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dowd to approve the August 20, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Randy Dykhuis spoke on behalf of Capital Area Friends of the Environment regarding establishing a sustainability and environmental affairs department.

Officer Reports

Chair

Chair Jeffries thanked Churchill Downs for hosting a community meeting; reminded community of upcoming listening session; and updated that the attorney hiring is in process.

Vice-Chair

No report.

Clerk

Clerk Swope acknowledged the written communications.

Old Business

New Business

The Commissioners discussed Article 5 of the Lansing City Charter.

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Public Comment

Walker spoke about removing Article 2-103 of the City Charter.

Bruce Scott spoke about removing Article 2-103 to match the State Constitution.

Randy Dykhuis spoke about transparency in the appointments process for Boards and Commissions. He also suggested term limits be implemented.

Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Boyd spoke about addressing changes to Article 2-103.

Commissioner Washington echoed Commissioner Boyd about removing Article 2-103 from the Charter.

Commissioner Lopez spoke about having coordinated with the superintendent about student involvement in the Charter.

Commissioner Anderson spoke in favor of following up with the student and youth population in Lansing about the Charter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeffries at 7:34 PM.