

**Minutes for the February 25, 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 February 25, 2019.

The Chair, Gail Benjamin, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sal Albanese
- Dr. Lilliam Barrios-Paoli
- James Caras
- Lisette Camilo
- Eduardo Cordero, Sr.
- Lindsay Greene
- Rev. Clinton Miller
- Sateesh Nori
- Dr. Merryl Tisch
- Carl Weisbrod

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum to conduct the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tisch to adopt the Minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

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Chair Benjamin invited three panels of witnesses to testify on the issues of ranked choice voting and related election process reforms, redistricting, and campaign finance, respectively. Following each panelist's opening remarks, commissioners questioned the panels on their areas of expertise.

The ranked choice voting panel was made up of the following individuals:

- Karen Brinson Bell (Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center)
- Susan Lerner (Common Cause)
- Bella Wang (League of Women Voters)
- Craig Burnett (Hofstra University, via Skype video connection)
- Esmerelda Simmons (Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evans College)
- John Arntz (San Francisco Department of Elections, via Skype video connection)

The redistricting panel was made up of the following individuals:

- Michael Li (Brennan Center)
- TJ Costello (Austin Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, via Skype video connection)
- Jeffrey Wice (SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government)
- Esmerelda Simmons (Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evans College)

The campaign finance panel was made up of the following individuals:

- Frederick Schaffer and Amy Loprest (New York City Campaign Finance Board)

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- Michael Malbin (Campaign Finance Institute)
- Jennifer Heerwig (Stony Brook University)
- Jerry Goldfeder (Election Attorney)
- Alan Durning (Sightline Institute, via Skype video connection)
- Wayne Barnett (Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, via Skype video connection)

Following the testimony of the three panels, a motion was made by Commissioner Barrios-Paoli to adjourn. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.