

**Minutes for the March 11, 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 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College at 6:00pm on March 11, 2019.

The Chair, Gail Benjamin, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sal Albanese
- James Caras
- Lisette Camilo
- Eduardo Cordero, Sr.
- Stephen Fiala
- Paula Gavin
- 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 Gavin to adopt the Minutes of the March 7, 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 three panels of witnesses to testify on the issues of the City's procurement and budget processes. 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:

- Daniel Symon (Mayor's Office of Contract Services)
- Lisa Flores (Office of the Comptroller)
- Marla Simpson (formerly of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services)
- Janelle Farris (Brooklyn Community Services)
- Michelle Jackson (Human Services Council)

The second panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Francesco Brindisi and Chuck Brisky (Office of Management and Budget)
- Preston Niblack (Office of the Comptroller)
- George Sweeting (Independent Budget Office)
- Jon Kaufman (Department of City Planning)
- Carol Kellerman (formerly of the Citizens Budget Commission)

The third panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Mark Page (formerly of the Office of Management and Budget)
- Andrew Rein (Citizens Budget Commission)
- Anthony Shorris (formerly the First Deputy Mayor)
- Emily Goldstein (Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development)

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COMMISSION

Following the testimony of the three 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 9:39pm.