

**Minutes for the March 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 March 25, 2019.

The Chair, Gail Benjamin, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sal Albanese
- Dr. Lilliam Barrios-Paoli
- James Caras
- Lisette Camilo
- Eduardo Cordero, Sr.
- Stephen Fiala
- Paula Gavin
- Alison Hirsh
- Rev. Clinton Miller
- Sateesh Nori
- Dr. Meryll Tisch
- Carl Weisbrod

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

Chair Benjamin invited four panels of witnesses to testify on the role of Borough Presidents and governance issues generally, as well as the Board of Standards and Appeals and

the Landmarks Preservation Commission. 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:

- Ruth Messinger (former Borough President)
- Virginia Fields (former Borough President)
- Allen Cappelli (current and former member of various City boards and offices of Borough Presidents)

Following the first panel, a motion was made by Commissioner Gavin to adopt the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The second panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Eric Lane (Executive Director of the 1989 Charter Revision Commission)
- John Mollenkopf (CUNY Graduate Center)
- Ester Fuchs (Chair of the 2005 Charter Revision Commission)

The third panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Margery Perlmutter (Chair of the Board of Standards and Appeals)
- Meenakshi Srinivasan (former Chair of the Board of Standards and Appeals)
- Gabriel Taussig (former Chief of the Administrative Law Division of Law Department)

The fourth panel was composed of the following individuals:

- Lisa Kersavage (Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission)

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- Meenakshi Srinivasan (former Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission)
- Robert Tierney (former Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission)
- Margery Perlmutter (former Commissioner of the Landmarks Preservation Commission)
- Peg Breen (President of the New York Landmarks Conservancy)

Following the testimony of the four panels, a motion was made by Commissioner Fiala to adjourn. The motion was seconded and thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.