

**Minutes for the July 24, 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 July 24, 2019.

The Chair, Gail Benjamin, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Sal Albanese
- Lisette Camilo
- James Caras
- Stephen Fiala
- Paula Gavin
- Lindsay Greene
- Rev. Clinton Miller
- Sateesh Nori
- Dr. Merryl Tisch
- James Vacca
- Carl Weisbrod

The chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gavin to adopt the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded and subsequently adopted unanimously by all Commission members present. Chair Benjamin then briefly put the meeting into recess with unanimous consent due to a disruption.

When the meeting resumed, Chair Benjamin described each of the proposed amendments to the City Charter that are contained in the proposed five ballot questions. Immediately thereafter, Commissioner Gavin made a motion to approve all five proposed ballot questions, along with the accompanying abstracts and proposal language. Commissioner Albanese made a motion to amend Commissioner Gavin's motion by modifying the portion of question three relating to post-employment appearance restrictions to become effective on January 1, 2020 rather than January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded and subsequently failed by a vote of two in the affirmative (Albanese, Fiala), seven in the negative (Benjamin, Gavin, Greene, Nori, Tisch, Vacca, Weisbrod), and three abstentions (Camilo, Caras, Miller). Following this vote, a motion was made by Commissioner Fiala to replace language in the "rainy day fund" proposal to indicate that the City "shall" maintain such a fund (rather than that the City "may" maintain such a fund), and requiring that the fund only be used "during economic downturns or severe emergencies." The motion was seconded and subsequently failed by a vote of four in the affirmative (Albanese, Fiala, Tisch, Vacca) and eight in the negative (Benjamin, Camilo, Caras, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Weisbrod).

Following these votes on secondary motions, the vote on Commissioner Gavin's main motion, which had not been amended, was taken. The motion to approve all five proposed ballot questions, along with the accompanying abstracts and proposal language, was approved as follows:

1) By a vote of twelve in the affirmative and zero in the negative with respect to questions one (Elections), four (City Budget), and five (Land Use); and

2) With respect to question two (Civilian Complaint Review Board, "CCRB"), by a vote of ten in the affirmative (Benjamin, Albanese, Camilo, Caras, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Vacca, Weisbrod), one in the negative (Fiala), and one abstention (Tisch) for the proposals to modify the

structure of the CCRB and require a minimum CCRB personnel budget; by a vote of eleven in the affirmative (Benjamin, Albanese, Camilo, Caras, Fiala, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Vacca, Weisbrod) and one abstention (Tisch) for the proposals to require a written explanation by the Police Commissioner when departing from certain disciplinary recommendations and permit the CCRB to delegate its subpoena power; and by a vote of eight in the affirmative (Benjamin, Camilo, Caras, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Weisbrod), three in the negative (Albanese, Fiala, Vacca), and one abstention (Tisch) for the proposal to allow the CCRB to investigate the truthfulness of certain statements by police officers; and

3) With respect to question three (Ethics and Governance), by a vote of twelve in the affirmative (Benjamin, Albanese, Camilo, Caras, Fiala, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Tisch, Vacca, Weisbrod) and zero in the negative with respect to the entire question except for the proposal to extend the prohibition on appearances before an elected official or senior appointed official's former agency (or branch of government in some cases), which was approved by a vote of eleven in the affirmative (Benjamin, Albanese, Caras, Fiala, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Tisch, Vacca, Weisbrod) with one abstention (Camilo).

Commissioner Gavin's motion was thus approved in its entirety.

Thereafter, Commissioner Fiala made a motion to adopt the Commission's Final Report, which incorporates the five adopted questions and their accompanying abstracts and proposal language, and a resolution that, among other things, directs the Commission's staff and the City Clerk to take all necessary actions to place the five approved questions onto the ballot for consideration by the electorate on November 5, 2019 and to educate voters about the proposals. The motion was seconded and subsequently adopted by a vote of twelve in the affirmative

(Benjamin, Albanese, Camilo, Caras, Fiala, Gavin, Greene, Miller, Nori, Tisch, Vacca, Weisbrod) and zero in the negative. An executed copy of this resolution is attached to these meeting minutes.

Finally, a motion was made by Commissioner Vacca to adjourn. The motion was seconded and subsequently adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

[Attachment]

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, created pursuant to New York City Local Law 91 of 2018, dated July 24, 2019, in relation to the filing with the City Clerk of the City of New York of proposals to revise the city charter and questions therefor for the purposes of having the same submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on November 5, 2019, and the adoption of a report relating thereto.

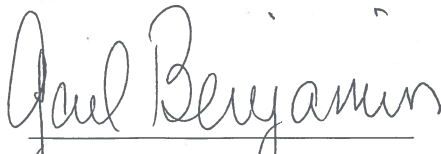
RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 36 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law, 19 proposals to amend the city charter with the appropriate ballot questions and the amendments to be effected upon the approval of such questions are attached hereto, to be filed with the City Clerk of the City of New York on or before August 5, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the City of New York shall take such action as may be required by law to provide for the submission of the said revisions to the electors of the City of New York at the general election to be held on November 5, 2019; and be it further

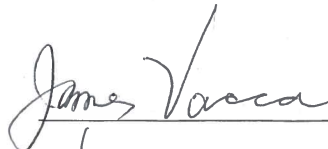
RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby adopts the report that is attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby authorizes and delegates to the Chair, the Executive Director and other staff, and the Office of the Corporation Counsel the duty and power to take all necessary and/or appropriate actions to effectuate the placement of the questions on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2019, in accordance with section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, including but not limited to inclusion of non-substantive technical changes to the documents attached hereto, the finalization of ballot abstracts pursuant to law, substantially in the form attached hereto, the preparation of other materials to be appended to the final report including documentation memorializing the proceedings of the Commission, and other materials relevant to the Commission's deliberations, and to defend or commence litigation to effectuate the placement of such questions on the ballot, and to provide for such publication and other publicity as may be appropriate to ensure that the public is adequately informed about the proposals, including reliance on the resources of the City of New York, including but not limited to the City Council, the Office of the Mayor, and other City agencies.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the 2019 New York City Charter Revision Commission by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions, with 3 not present.


Gail Benjamin, Chair



Merry H. Tisch, Commissioner



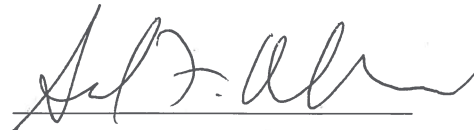
JAMES VACCA, Commissioner



STEPHEN J. FIORA, Commissioner



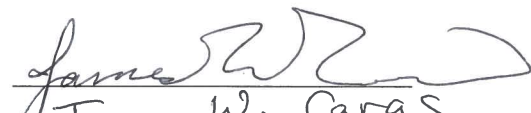
Lindsay Greene, Commissioner



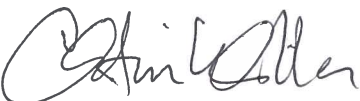
SAL F. ALBANESE, Commissioner



Satish Neri, Commissioner

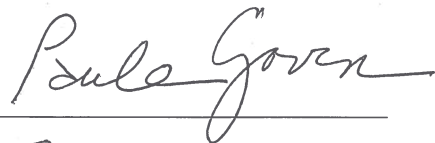


James W. Caras, Commissioner



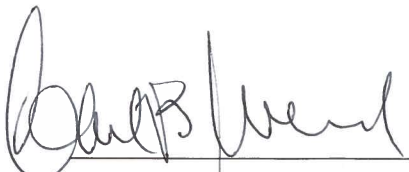
Clinton Miller, Commissioner

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Paula Gavin, Commissioner

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CARL W. ISAACS, Commissioner

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Lisette Camilo, Commissioner