



Report and Advisory Board Review Commission (RABRC)

Improving government efficiency by
streamlining the City's reporting and advisory
board requirements

June 2023



Welcome, Introductory Remarks, & Agenda

Agenda

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2. Background & scope
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4. Commissioner and public input
5. Next steps for 2023-24 cycle



Virtual Meeting Resolutions

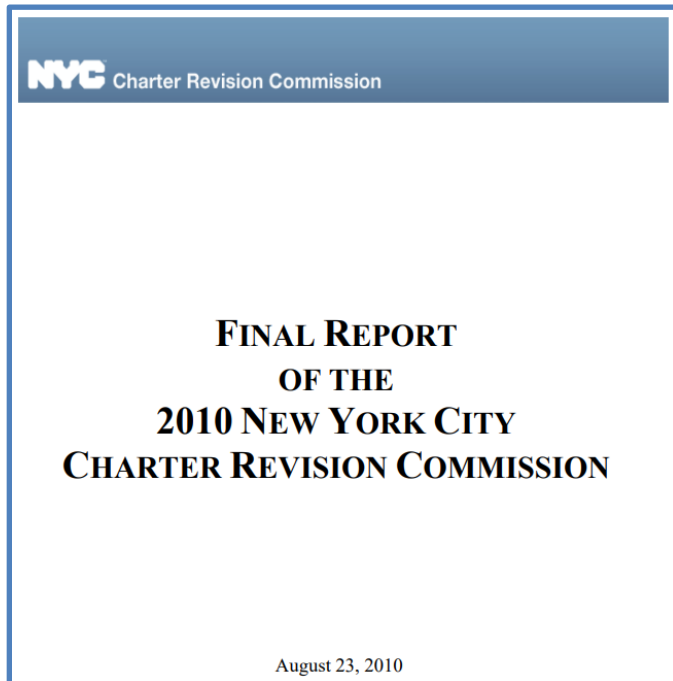


Background & Scope

Origin

The 2010 Charter Revision Commission proposed a mechanism to review and potentially waive required reports and advisory bodies.

Voters approved measure by referendum.



City Question 2. Elections and Government Administration: The proposal would amend the City Charter to:

- **Disclosure of Independent Campaign Spending:** Require public disclosure of expenditures made by entities and individuals independent from candidates to influence the outcome of a city election or referendum;
- **Ballot Access:** Generally reduce the number of petition signatures needed by candidates for city elective office to appear on a ballot;
- **Voter Assistance and Campaign Finance Board:** Merge voter assistance functions, including a reconstituted Voter Assistance Advisory Committee, into the Campaign Finance Board, and change when Campaign Finance Board member terms begin;
- **Conflicts of Interest Law:** Require all public servants to receive conflicts of interest training, raise the maximum fine for a public servant who violates the City's conflicts of interest law, and allow the City to recover any benefits obtained from such violations;
- **City Administrative Tribunals:** Authorize the Mayor to direct the merger of administrative tribunals and adjudications into the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings and permit the Department of Consumer Affairs to adjudicate all violations issued by that department;
- **City Reporting Requirements and Advisory Bodies:** Create a commission to review requirements for reports and advisory bodies and waive the requirements, subject to City Council review, where the commission finds they are not of continuing value; and
- **Map for Facility Siting:** Include in the City's facilities siting map those transportation and waste management facilities operated by or for governmental entities, or by private entities that provide comparable services.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

Background & Scope

Agency	Member	Title
Charter-Mandated Agency Representatives		
Operations (Chair)	Dan Steinberg	Director
OTI	Stacey Gardener	Director of External Affairs
Law	Shruti Raju	Senior Counsel
OMB	Deborah Cohen	Deputy Counsel
Council	Malcom Butehorn Rose Martinez Jack Storey	Committee Counsel Quantitative Policy Analyst Policy Analyst
Advisory Representatives		
DORIS	Pauline Toole	Commissioner
Office of the Chief Efficiency Officer	Melanie La Rocca	Chief Efficiency Officer

Charter mandate

RABRC is charter-mandated (Chapter 49, Section 1113) to:

1. Review all instances where the Charter, Admin Code, or a local law requires a reporting requirement or advisory board.

- Excludes:

Mayor's
Management
Report

Reports or bodies
required by
State/Federal law

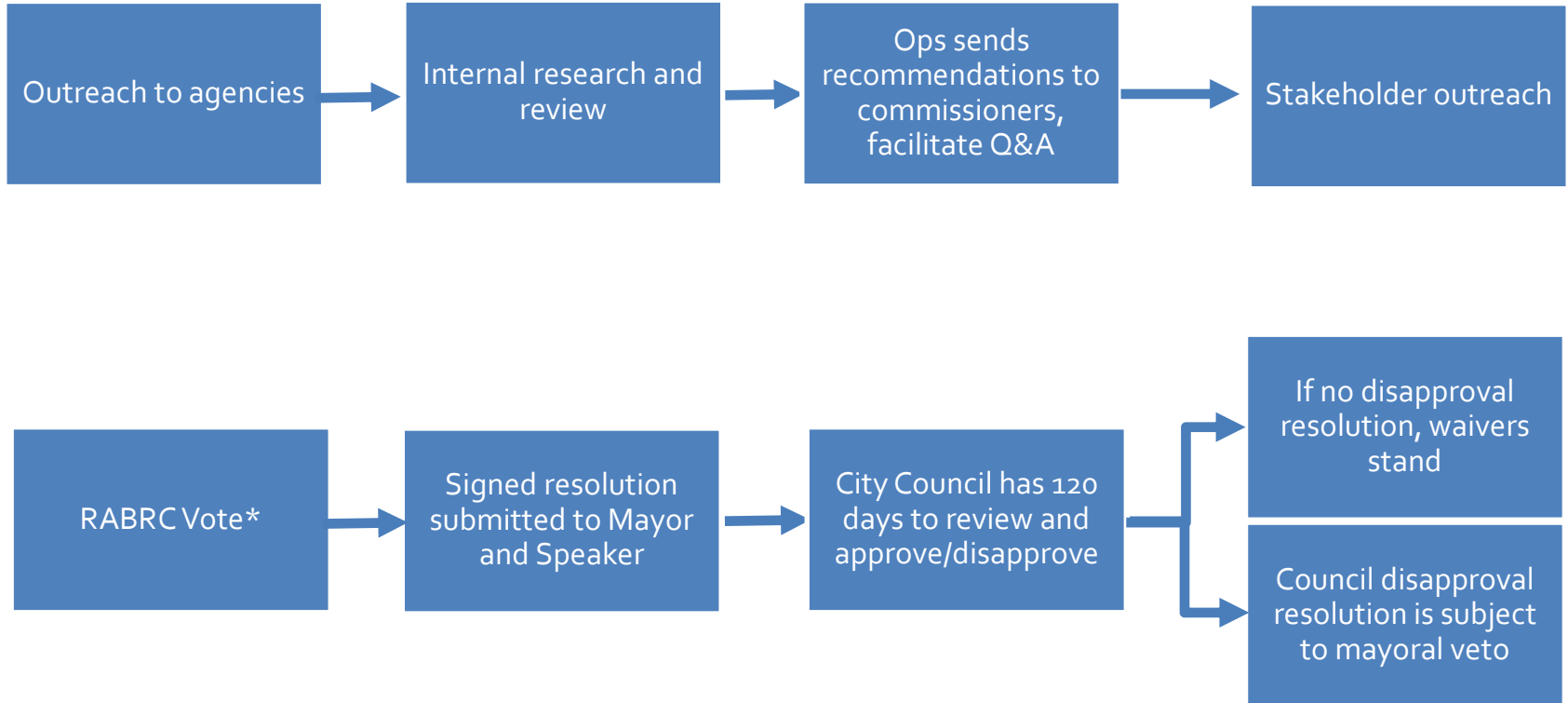
2. Meet on a regular basis to make recommendations regarding waivers of reporting requirements and advisory boards.

- Notable waiver requirements:

Requirements
can't be waived
until 3 years after
enacted

Requirements can
be waived *in part*
and retained *in part*

Process



*RABRC can waive a report or advisory board by a majority vote.

History

2012: waived 7 reports and 8 boards

2021: waived 6 reports (2 reinstated)

2022/23 cycle: waived 8 reports

Agency	Report Name
BIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shipboard Gambling Report• Report on Other Public Wholesale Markets• Seafood Distribution Areas/ Fulton Fish Market Report
OTI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly Report on Directory Assistance Calls• Monthly Report on Service Request Calls
DOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighborhood Slow Zones Report
DOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 214 Closings Report
MOCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Purchases Report

Evaluating reports/advisory boards

RABRC evaluates waiver candidates according to multiple criteria, including:

Usefulness	Does it provide useful information in evaluating program results or other activities? Does it provide useful information for assessing effective management of City resources?
Redundancy	Does this information exist somewhere else? Is it wholly or partially duplicative of the subject matter of another mandated report?
Relevance	Considering changing circumstances, is this report still necessary?
Benefit	Is it worth the cost of production?

**Considerations for reports and advisory boards are materially the same



Waiver candidate solicitation

Waiver Candidate Solicitation

- Operations will begin contacting agencies to solicit report and advisory board candidates for waiver on **Monday, June 26**. The window will close on **Friday, September 1 (soft deadline)**.
- In order to write the best possible waiver determination, Operations has added and modified questions to agencies about their waiver candidates.
- Operations will hold two trainings for agencies on making a compelling case for waiver.



Commissioner and Public Input



Next steps for 2023-24 cycle

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- 2023: Project launch
 - Disbursement of waiver request form
- 2024: Prepping for vote
 - Selection of candidates
 - Commission meetings with agencies
 - Commission vote on selected waivers



Summer
2023



Thank you