

17TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Donald B. Sherer, Chair

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:00 p.m. – Conference Room #1

4th Floor, Government Center

888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Chair Sherer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Chair Sherer, Committee Members Lucas, McManus and Gwozdziowski (who participated by telephone). Also present were Charter Commission Members Susan Nabel and Dudley Williams and Jay Fountain of the Board of Representatives.

Mr. Sherer stated that tonight the Committee would begin the process of 1) identifying technical or simple matters that the full commission can address; 2) identifying issues that should be addressed by joint committees; 3) identifying issues that the Committee will take up; and 3) identifying issues that the Committee does not want to consider.

Ms. McManus stated that the Committee should consider people that they want to invite to future committee meetings while they go through the charge.

The Committee agreed that it would **not** take up the following items: **Charges 35c; 40, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 55, and 57.**

The Committee agreed that the following items were technical changes: **Charges 44, 54 and 59.**

The Committee agreed to take up the following items: **Charges 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 45, 46a** (it was noted this would be a radical change to the budget process), **49, 50, 56** (will consider having this happen more frequently than 5 years) and **58.**

Pensions

Charges 60 through 70 – Ms. McManus felt that professionals in the pension field need to come and discuss all of the pension items, and these items should be taken as a group. Mr. Lucas felt that pensions need to be far away from the political arena. Mr. Sherer stated that right now the pension recipients elect people to the pension boards. Mr. Fountain felt that they want to have another vote with a

different perspective than the recipients. Mr. Sherer is opposed to the Pension Oversight Board; it is just adding another level.

The Committee agreed to take up Charges **61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69 and 70.**

The Committee agreed not to take up Charges **60, 68** (the charter does not specify costs) and **71.**

Additional Charges:

The Committee agreed to take up Charges **92, 112b, 112c, 112d** and **112f.**

The Committee agreed that the following were technical items: Charges **93, 94, 95, 112a, 112e.**

The Committee will report back to the full Commission. It is expected that the Board Office will produce a document that lists the Committee's decisions.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Consideration of future public hearings and invited guests: The Committee wanted Fred Flynn invited to the next meeting. The Committee also may want to invite Ben Barnes and Ms. Murphy.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Donald B. Sherer, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).