

# 17<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH/EDUCATION/ETHICS COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 with all members present, Clarence Grebey, Michael Jachimczyk, Gail Okun, Robert Robins, and Jay Sandak. Mr. Sandak suggested that the committee go through all the issues to make sure we understand the issue and try to identify items we would not consider and which items we would.

Item 24 dealt with expanding the powers of the Health Commission. It was decided to invite the Director of Health and Health Commission to speak to better understand the chain of command. Clarity is needed.

Items 30-31 The committee discussed whether the state statutes may pre-empt changes and that we should look at other cities for how they operate.

Items 72-75 It was discussed that it is not the charge of the commission to make the decision about which plan. That is the responsibility of the Mayor, BOR, and/or the citizens. But it is the committee's responsibility to see if the language is appropriate and whether we have the option. The language is flexible as to whether there should be a single chief and uniformity within the community.

The state statute should be investigated. It was agreed that we should invite the fire chiefs to get a clear understanding of what we are trying to address.

Items 76-81 It was discussed that the committee look at the Charter with open eyes and work to address ethical matters in the city and decide what role the charter should play. We should look at the Charter with questions and who should lead investigations. It is fragmented now.

Item 97 It was discussed that the committee needs to understand the negotiating process under the state statute for all contracts. We need to understand the role of the board vs the role of the executive.

Item 98 It was discussed whether the Mayor should become a voting member of the BOE. It was decided that we should gather information from other cities. It was suggested that the city fiscal people be part of the fiscal process.

Items 99-100 It was discussed to what extent the BOE and city can be combined. We might need another Charter Revision Commission to focus on these issues - doing a thorough investigation.

The committee agree that we need to prioritize the issues before us.

Items 108-112. It was decided that they should be combined with item 24.

Several of the items should be joint investigations with the government committee - ethics, timing of elections

The next meeting will be Tuesday 12/20 at 7:00

The agenda will include the Health Issues 24, 108-112. We will invite Ann Fountain and Barbara Decker and Burt Ballin to see how it works and how it doesn't. We would like to discuss the Ethics issues 76-81.

We would like to invite the current chair to see how it is working now and its relationships to other boards

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:43

Submitted by,

Gail Okun

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