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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
4th Floor, Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jay Sandak at 7:01. Present were Committee Members Grebey, Jachimczyk, Okun, Robins and Chair Sandak; Commissioners Co-Chair Freccia and McManus.

A review of the matters from the Master Charge Chart assigned to Public Safety Committee indicated that further work will follow on education issues by inviting the Acting Superintendent and Board of Education members to a meeting. The issues with the Health Commission will be discussed further also. Mr. Sandak indicated that the selection of legal counsel for the Commission would start on 1/25/12.

There was a discussion of the issues related to the Fire Service. Chair Sandak indicated the issues are significant and the focus should be on what changes should be considered and what problems should be addressed. A review of the history of the fire service continued. Eight issues were identified: 1. districts 2. who should be in charge 3. training 4. fire marshal 5. what role the state plays 6. unions 7. tax districts 8. the role of the fire commission. Chair Sandak stressed that we have to try and create a structure that offers the best delivery of services while not being divisive for the city. This charge should be in the best interest of the community.

In a review of previous discussions regarding the Health Commission, Director of Health, and Ethics. A discussion followed on whether the charter should have a Board of Ethics. The role of the Health Commission in relation to the Director of Health was discussed.

Future meetings and scheduled guests were discussed with dates to be determined. Future meeting were scheduled for Wednesday February 1 at 7:00 and on Wednesday February 8 at 7:00 to discuss the Board of Education.

The approval of the minutes for January 10 and 17 will take place at the next committee meeting.

A motion to adjourned was moved, seconded, and approved at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Okun

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