

**17<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER REVISION  
COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH/EDUCATION/ETHICS COMMITTEE**  
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Jay H. Sandak, Chair

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*CLARENCE R. GREBEY, III*

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*ROBERT S. ROBINS*

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Tuesday, February 21, 2012  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

The 17th Charter Revision Commission Public Safety & Health/Education/Ethics Committee was called to order by Chair Jay Sandak at 7:01. All committee members were in attendance: Jay Sandak, Clarence Grebey, Michael Jachimczyk, Gail Okun, and Robert Robins. Also in attendance were Roseanne McManus, a Charter Commission member, Cathy Freccia from the Health Commission, Anne Fountain, Health Director and Vincent Freccia.

The minutes of 2/14/12 were amended and a motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as amended. In a review of the items assigned to the committee it was discussed that it was difficult to get members from other communities to accept invitations to attend the committee meetings. It was suggested to create a survey questionnaire to send to communities that have a combined fire service. The committee generated a list of topics and Chair Sandak will create the questionnaire to be sent, which he will send to the committee members.

It was announced that the Education Committee of the Board of Representatives has invited a member of the committee to be part of a discussion on 2/29/12. Mr. Grebey will attend that meeting for the committee.

Discussion followed on the submission of an op-ed piece for the Advocate.

The committee then discussed issues relating to the Health Commission and the Health Director position-charges 108-112. The committee looked at the duties of the Commission and the Director. In item 108 regarding C6-100-2, the committee recommended eliminating [1]. In [2] it recommended replacing "make recommendations" with "serve as an advisory body regarding health issues". In item 109 it was decided that the right was already there. In items 110 and 111 it was agreed that the commission was able to do what was proposed. In item 112 it was suggested

that the Commission request its own budget to complete clerical work. In item 24, C5-40-4 it was suggested to add that "the Director of Health shall keep the Health Commission apprised of matters pertaining to public health policy."

Discussion then followed on item 98 concerning the Mayor serving as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Education. Item 97 C2-10-2[9] concerning labor contracts for the Board of Education was tabled.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Okun

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