

17TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Public Safety & Health/Education/Ethics Committee

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The 17th Charter Revision Commission Public Safety & Health/Education/Ethics Committee was called to order by Chair Jay Sandak at 6:00. Jay Sandak, Clarence Grebey, Gail Okun, and Robert Robins were in attendance. Also in attendance was Mayor Michael Pavia.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to change the order of the agenda so Mayor Pavia could address the committee and answer questions regarding related items raised concerning the Board of Education. The Mayor discussed his position regarding whether a Mayor should become a voting member of the Board of Education. He also discussed his position on whether he should be allowed to appoint a designee to attend Board of Education meeting as an ex-officio member. He said he thought the Mayor should have a vote and that he should be able to appoint a special assistant for education who would be an ex-officio member in his stead if he were unable to attend.

A discussion followed regarding the Board of Education being able to access capital funds more easily as proposed in a charge to the committee. The Mayor stated that the process of implementation needs to be improved and streamlined so more things could get done.

The subject of Fire Service was raised and the Mayor said he would be willing to return at another meeting to discuss his views.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012.

A discussion followed on the open items on our agenda. It was decided to invite Mr. Tarzia to the next meeting to discuss his letter regarding Membership on the Ethics Board. Regarding the Board of Education the following issues were discussed: whether

the Mayor should become a voting member, whether the Mayor should be able to appoint a special assistant, the question of the Board of Education's access to the capital budget, budget changes, bargaining contracts for BOE secretaries and nurses, and whether the Board of Education should be partisan or non-partisan. These items will be voted on at the next meeting.

Discussion will follow at the next meeting of the committee regarding fire service with a discussion of the responses to the questionnaires that were sent out to communities in the state. A grid will be created from the responses.

The charges regarding the Health Commission have been reported out.

A motion was made, seconded and agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Okun

This meeting is on video – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).