



**2011 Charter Committee  
Board of Representatives**

John Mallozzi, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

## **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, October 24, 2011  
**Time:** 6:45 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The 2011 Charter Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated below. Present were Co-Chairs Mallozzi and Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Day, Sklover, Savage, Taylor and Layton. Excused was Committee Member Rep. DePina.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">C28.005</a>	RESOLUTION; to include additional items to the charge (as approved on 10/3/11 by the BOR) to the 17 <sup>th</sup> Charter Revision Commission.	<b>COMMITTEE APPROVED 8-0-0</b>

Co-Chair Fedeli called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. A copy of the supplemental charge had been distributed earlier to all members. Chair Fedeli stated that the items on the Supplemental Charge are before the Committee this evening. This charge reflects additions submitted by board members to the Board Office.

Co-Chair Fedeli reviewed the charges, noting:

1. Suggested changes to the Board of Education election will have to be reviewed by legal, as state statutes may play a significant role in these elections.
2. Regarding suggested changes to the WPCA, while the WPCA is not specifically mentioned in the Charter, there are references to "authorities" in the Charter.
3. There is a question as to whether the pension section should be in the charter at all, since pensions are administered by the union contract and the plan documents. The last charter commission opted not to address the pension section.

4. Rep. Fountain suggested some changes to the budget process.
5. There were some changes to the BOE budget process also submitted.

Clerk Summerville confirmed that 1) all suggested items were submitted in writing; 2) all suggested items were forwarded and compiled by the Board Office; and 3) no one is aware of any other outstanding requests to be included in the charge. Co-Chair Fedeli confirmed these statements, adding that the entire charge consists of submitted items, items discussed at Charter Committee meetings (that were later assembled and included from the minutes of the meeting) and supplementary items submitted in writing.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that the Committee, in approving the original charge, did not vote on the items one-by-one, but rather approved the charge in its entirety. In other words, the Committee did not take a position on the merits of any of the suggested changes. She suggested that the Committee also vote on the Supplemental Charge in the same manner.

Co-Chair Mallozzi stated that the Commission can either consider any, all or no items listed in the charges. It can take up items on its own, items suggested at public hearings or items suggested by members of the public.

Co-Chair Mallozzi stated that after tonight's meeting, the Charter Committee's work is finished until the Commission sends its final report back to it. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that she would attend as many Charter Commission meetings as her schedule permits.

The Commission briefly discussed the upcoming Charter Commission meeting, and all members stated that they had no prior conversations with any members of the Commission regarding the election of chair, vice chair, co-chairs, etc.

A motion to approve the Supplemental Charge was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair