



**2013 Interim Charter Committee  
Board of Representatives**

Annie M. Summerville & Mary Fedeli, Co-Chairs

## **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, May 30, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The 2013 Charter Committee of the Board of Representatives met with the Charter Commission, as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Fedeli and Summerville and Committee Member Reps. DePina, Layton and Savage. Also present were Susan Nabel and Donald Sherer of the 2013 Charter Commission.

Co-Chair Fedeli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. C228.008	PUBLIC HEARING; on the 18th Charter Commission's <a href="#">Draft Report</a> .	<b>Public Hearing Held</b>
<p>Chair Fedeli opened the public hearing. No members of the public were present wishing to speak and the public hearing was closed.</p>		
2. <a href="#">C228.007</a>	RESOLUTION; accepting, rejecting or recommending changes to the <a href="#">Draft Report</a> issued by the 18th Charter Commission.	<b>Resolution Accepting Report approved 5-0-0</b>

Members of the committee discussed the draft report with Mr. Sherer and Ms. Nabel as follows:

- The Commission wanted to set a floor on membership, not a ceiling
- The last Charter Commission decided in the subcommittee to have 3 year terms for the Board of Ethics members, which was approved by the Board of Representatives and voted upon in November
- The current commission noted the conflict between the term as contained in the Charter and the Code and decided not address the issue, but would discuss it if directed to by the Committee.

Rep. Heaphy stated that the ordinance creating a Board of Ethics has always called for a five-year term, and she believes that a longer term is preferable to insulate the members from the Mayor's term. Members of the committee noted that:

- Other boards and commissions have three-year terms
- Five years is a long commitment for a volunteer board

Mr. Sherer pointed out that the language of the Charter should be interpreted to require not fewer than five members on the Board of Ethics and to require only two alternate members.

A motion to approve a resolution accepting the draft report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fedeli, Summerville, DePina, Layton and Savage in favor.)

Co-Chair Fedeli adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

*This meeting is on [video](#).*