

**CITY OF NORWALK
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025
VIA ZOOM**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fairbairn called the meeting to order at 5:59p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Tyler Fairbairn, Chairman; Carl Dickens; Jim Clark; John Levin; Richard McQuaid; Tanya Rhodes-Small; Ed Camacho; Jo Bennett(6:04pm)

STAFF: Steve Mednick; Commission Council

OTHERS: Nora Niedzielski-Eichner; Jalin Sead; Josh Goldstein; Heather Dunn; Anne Wennerstrand; Dajuan Wiggins; Nicole Eady

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Fairbairn called the Roll: Tyler Fairbairn, Chairman; Carl Dickens; John Levin; Richard McQuaid; Tanya Rhodes-Small; James Clark; Ed Camacho

At Roll Call there were seven (7) Committee members present, constituting a quorum. Jo Bennett arrived at 6:04p.m. Doug Hempstead was absent.

Chairman Fairbairn stated the intention of this meeting is to add an item which couldn't be modified on the regular agenda, so they called a special meeting.

III. UPDATE FROM COUNSEL

Attorney Mednick reported that a commissioner raised a question about the status of another Commissioner. Commissioner Camacho serves BET. The question was whether that posed a conflict of interest. After reviewing the code of ordinances, there are two types of conflict: personal and financial. This does not fall under a financial conflict and after speaking with Corporation Counsel, there does not seem to be any personal conflict. He explained the reasoning.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION #7 PERTAINING TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE CHARTER TO PERMIT COUNCIL TO MODIFY BET MEMBERSHIP BY ADDING TO THE MEMBERSHIP AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BET [§7-2.A(1)(C)]; AND,

Council representation of the BET was rejected by the commissioners. Attorney Mednick explained that there were a few conversations that took place between members of the council and members of the commission after that rejection. There may have been a misunderstanding of the general issue of the council's interactions with BET. The council interaction with BET is not as a member of the BET but as a participant serving as invitees who may be able to spend some time at the beginning of the meeting raising issues with BET. After the allotted time is over, they do not get to engage in deliberations or discussions with BET. A third approach was offered to all for the council to adopt an ordinance, if they adopted an ordinance then they would have the authority to designate a member of the legislative body to represent the council as an ad hoc nonvoting member of BET. They would be entitled to participate in all the proceedings of the board, but the council president would appoint the representative subject to approval by the majority vote of the council for a term commencing on the first day of February. The term could be decided by the council. Without a charter provision, they would not be able to do this. A discussion ensued among its commissioners.

****MR. LEVIN MOVED THE ITEM**

****Mr. CLARK, MR. CAMACHO, AND MS. RHODES-SMALL OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED 5 TO 3**

B. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION #11 PERTAINING TO THE COMPTROLLER PROVISIONS [§8-3.C(1)(C)(II)]

Attorney Mednick explained that this item is to eliminate a sentence from the comptroller's responsibility. He discussed this with the CFO, and it was determined that this was not one of the comptroller's responsibilities. Attorney Mednick read the sentence to be deleted to the commissioners.

****MR. MCQUAID MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McQuaid moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:20p.m.