



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
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CHARTER REVISION BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
6000 NW 21ST AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33309
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2024**

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Christopher Fertig, Vice Chair	P	6	0
Harrison Grandwilliams	P	6	0
Richard Weiss	P	6	0
Jacquelyn Scott	P	4	2

Staff

Susan Grant, Acting City Manager
Thomas Ansbro, City Attorney
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
David Soloman, City Clerk

Other

Vanessa Apotheker, President of Tarpon Riverside Civic Association
Michael Albetta, Second Vice President, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association and
President of the Lake Ridge Civic Association
Leslie Harmon, Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Fertig, to direct communication to the City Commission requesting direction for public input; what public input looks like; issues left for review; and whether work be limited to original memos or charter reviewed page by page. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.



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I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Stern called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

III. BOARD FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION FROM MAY 21ST COMMISSION MEETING WORKSHOP

- List of charter sections suggested for revision
- Goal setting for Charter Revision Board
- Charter Revision Board report to City Commission

At Chair Stern's request, Mr. Soloman read a letter from Mary Peloquin into the record [on file].

Attorney Ansbro offered his opinion on the process for the Charter Revision Board.

Discussion ensued about the presentation and recommendations to the City Commission, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, and lack of public outreach.

Mr. Weiss suggested sending communication back to the City Commission to obtain clear direction.

Vice Chair Fertig suggested that the City Commission did not adequately prepare by reviewing the materials. Agreeing with Ms. Scott on the need for more public outreach, Vice Chair Fertig disagreed on the necessity for additional promotion.

Discussion continued about process, public engagement, input, and marketing.

At Ms. Scott's request, Mr. Soloman read a letter [on file] from Bill Brown, President of Central Beach Alliance into the record.

The Board continued to discuss the charter, direction from the City Commission, marketing, and original memos.

Chair Stern stated for the record the January 24, 2023 Charter Revision Board memo had attachments, including the October 4, 2018 Agenda and draft meeting minutes, October 15, 2018, meeting minutes, and Ordinances No. C-18-46 and C-18-47.

Chair Stern requested Mr. Fajardo to provide a comparison of items that had already been addressed.

Ms. Vanessa Apotheker, President of Tarpon Riverside Civic Association & District 4 representative for the Council of Fort Lauderdale, requested the submitted letter to be read.

Mr. Soloman read a letter [on file] from Ms. Apotheker, on behalf of the Tarpon Riverside Civic Association, into the record.

Ms. Apotheker expressed concern about the lack of transparency and community outreach.

Discussion continued about public outreach.

Mr. Michael Albetta, Second Vice President of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association and President of the Lake Ridge Civic Association, agreed that many residents do not fully understand all the information and suggested town hall meetings.

Ms. Scott addressed the conduct of the Chair, while Ms. Apotheker expressed concerns that the public may be apprehensive about attending meetings.

Mr. Grandwilliams pointed out that the Board faces a legitimacy issue and referred to D'Wayne Spence's memo dated February 22, 2023.

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Discussion followed regarding City Commission engagement and the timing of the next Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Fertig, to cancel future meetings until the City Commission responds to the board's request for information on the four points; allowing for two weeks to review that feedback before scheduling the next meeting. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

The Board thanked Mr. Grandwilliams for his service.

IV. CHARTER REVISION BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no discussion on this topic.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no additional public input.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by T. Baclawski, Prototype, Inc.]