



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Charter Review Committee

10/22/2025

6:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Committee Member Susan Peterson participated remotely from the following location:
645 Cloud Cap Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Quorum Confirmed

Present 12 - Member Pat Nikolai, Member Holly Rhea Roberts, Member Bernard Tansey, Member Mohammad Naveed, Member Joseph W. Sosinski, Member Eric Crutchlow, Member Burt Field, Member Steve Kelly, Member Lauren Diamond, Member Mark Boeckman, Member Susan Peters, and Member John Brooks

Excused 1 - Member Eric Jensen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. [25-1553](#) Approval of the October 1, 2025 Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2025 Charter Review Committee Meeting in the form presented with such modifications/corrections as may be required or requested by the Board.

Motion to approve made by Member Crutchlow with a second from Member Kelly.

Approved Staff Recommendation to approve minutes in the form presented.

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Aye: 12 - Member Nikolai, Member Roberts, Member Tansey, Member Naveed, Member Sosinski, Member Crutchlow, Member Field, Member Kelly, Member Diamond, Member Boeckman, Member Peters, and Member Brooks

Excused: 1 - Member Jensen

2. [25-1538](#) Action on Proposed 2025 - 2026 Charter Review Committee Meeting Schedule

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the proposed 2025 - 2026 Charter Review Committee Regular Meeting Schedule for the third Wednesday of each month on the terms presented.

Staff gave a presentation on a proposed regular meeting calendar based on direction from the Board at their previous meeting. Staff's recommendation was for regular CRC meetings to be held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month, starting November 19, 2025 through June 17, 2025, starting at 6:00p.m., in City Council Chambers, unless there is a conflict, with alternative location to be determined (Central Library preferred, if available).

Motion to approve made by Member Crutchlow with a second from Member Boeckman.

Staff recommendation was approved.

Staff recommendation was approved.

Aye: 12 - Member Nikolai, Member Roberts, Member Tansey, Member Naveed, Member Sosinski, Member Crutchlow, Member Field, Member Kelly, Member Diamond, Member Boeckman, Member Peters, and Member Brooks

Excused: 1 - Member Jensen

3. [25-1548](#) Action to Form and Appoint Charter Review Committee Members to Ad Hoc Subcommittee Working Groups

Recommendation: Take action to form and appoint members to the following Ad Hoc Subcommittees

- Subcommittee One:
Powers and Structure of City Government: Rules/Process for Action
- Subcommittee Two:
City Council: Elections, Powers and Conduct of Meetings
- Subcommittee Three:
Senior Officials: Duties and Qualifications
- Subcommittee Four:
Boards and Commissions: Composition, Powers and Duties
- Subcommittee Five:
Civil Service: General Rules for Classified and Unclassified Employees; Commission Composition and Duties
- Subcommittee Six:
Fiscal Administration and Procurement

Staff gave a detailed presentation on the role and function of Ad Hoc Subcommittees, and the process for soliciting Member interest and proposing Ad Hoc Subcommittee rosters based as much as possible on Member preferences. Rosters were proposed for six Ad Hoc Subcommittees as follows: Group One - Powers and Structure of City Government; Rules/Process for Action; Group Two - City Council: Elections, Powers, and Conduct of Meetings; Group Three - Senior Officials: Duties and Qualifications; Group Four - Boards and Commissions: Composition, Powers and Duties; Group Five - Civil Service: General Rules for Classified and Unclassified Employees; Commission Composition and Duties; and Group Six - Fiscal Administration and Procurement.

One public comment was received via Zoom participation.

Motion to approve made by Member Kelly with a second from Member Crutchlow.

The formation and appointment of members to the Ad Hoc Subcommittees was approved as proposed with the following changes: Group One: Powers and Structure of City Government - addition of Committee Member Joe Sosinski to the Group. Group One is now comprised of Committee Members Kelly, Tansey, Nikolai, Jensen and Sosinski.

A motion was made by Member Kelly, seconded by Member Crutchlow, that this item be Adopted as amended. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Member Nikolai, Member Roberts, Member Tansey, Member Naveed, Member Sosinski, Member Crutchlow, Member Field , Member Kelly, Member Diamond, Member Boeckman, Member Peters, and Member Brooks

Excused: 1 - Member Jensen

4. Staff Preview of Agenda for Next Charter Review Committee Meeting Scheduled for November 19, 2025

Preview included (1) approval of Minutes (2) presentation of meetings to be held at alternative location (Central Library), (3) reports from Ad Hoc Subcommittees, ad (4) Staff presentation on various work plan implementation issues.

Informational item, no action required.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no staff/committee member comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Charter Review Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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