

Town of Manchester, Connecticut

Charter Revision Commission

Agenda

January 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Manchester Room & Zoom Teleconference

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MIINUTES
 - a. Minutes of 12/17/2024 Meeting
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. REPORTS
 - a. Town Manager Steve Stephanou
5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER REVISION
 - a. Review the Charter to consider amending all references regarding the "Board of Directors" to "Town Council."
 - b. Review the Charter to consider amending all references regarding the "Town of Manchester" to "City of Manchester."
 - c. Review the Charter, including Sections 2-2, 2-4(c)(4), and 3-8, to consider amending the term "elector" to "resident."
 - d. Review Charter Chapter 18 to consider restructuring the Department of Law to a Corporation Counsel.
 - e. Review Charter Section 3-10 to consider amending the process for Enactment by Petition.
 - f. Review Charter Sections 11-3 and 12-4 to consider removing the residency requirement for the Director of Public Works and Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department.
 - g. Review Charter Sections 2-1, 2-11, and 8-1 to consider eliminating the Select Board.
 - h. Review technical changes as may be recommended by Town staff.
 - i. Review the manner of how Manchester elects the Board of Education and explore the ways other Towns in the State elect Board of Education members and handle vacancies.
 - j. Review the compensation of the Board of Directors.
 - k. NEW: Review Zoning Regulations in the Charter.
 - l. NEW: Remove the Town Clerk as an elective office.
 - m. NEW: Consider a one-year waiting period after a Member of the Board of Directors term ends before that person can accept another elective or position as a Town employee.
 - n. NEW: Election of Mayor.
 - o. NEW: Eliminate Joint Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Education.
 - p. NEW: Review Political Activity Prohibited clause in Charter.
 - q. NEW: Review shifting municipal election cycles.
 - r. NEW: Technical Revisions.
 - i. Review Section 3-1 of the Charter to amend the limits governing fines for violations of municipal ordinances.
 - ii. Review competitive bidding threshold.
 - iii. NEW: Eliminate all references to the Eight Utilities District of Manchester.
 - s. NEW: Elimination of 3 alternates on PZC.
 - t. NEW: Extend all November appointments to December and from here on out, have all appointments that expire in November expire in the December of that year.
6. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS ON ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA OR OF GENERAL DISCUSSION
7. ADJOURNMENT