

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
JOURNAL CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
APRIL 26, 2023**

Council Chamber, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island RI 02914

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

Marc Furtado, Bruce Rogers, Julie Silva, Michael Sullo, Manuel Vinhateiro,
John Faria, Valerie Perry, Joseph Tavares

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

Chairman Furtado announced that Izilda Fernandes resigned from the Commission and the City Council will select a replacement.

B. Vote to amend meeting schedule due to room availability

Mr. Rogers *moved to change the meeting schedule to skip the first Wednesday of the month and meet on the remaining Wednesdays*. Mr. Vinhateiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Vote to request Charter Article XIII. Sec. 13-18 entitled "Charter Commission" to be made publicly available

Solicitor Conley stated that the Resolution entitled Charter Commission was inadvertently left out of the Charter and there were other errors which are in the process of being corrected.

Mr. Rogers *moved to update the Charter amendment*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Silva. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Vote to transmit letters requesting written Charter change proposals from both the Administration and City Council

Chairman Furtado asks Commission members to let him know 48 hours prior to the meeting if they have an agenda item.

Mr. Faria *moved to bundle letters of recommended charter changes from both the Administration and City Council*. Mr. Sullo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. **Discussion of City Clerk**

Chairman Furtado spoke on the issue of the inconsistency of the language regarding the City Clerk and the problems that arose with separation of powers.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Faria *moved to adjourn*. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Attest:

Valerie A. Perry
Secretary

Approved: June 21, 2023