

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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NOVEMBER 28, 2016, 3:00 PM
Originally Convened on NOVEMBER 22, 2016
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
ROOM 205
HONOLULU HALE

MINUTES

Charter Commission Members Present:

David W. Rae, Chair
Kevin Mulligan, Vice Chair
Judge Michael F. Broderick
Guy K. Fujimura
Nathan T. Okubo
Paul T. Oshiro
Cheryl D. Soon
R. Brian Tsujimura
John D. Waihee III, Governor

Commission Members Excused/Absent:

Reginald V. Castanares, Jr.
Donna Ikeda
Edlyn S. Taniguchi
Pamela Witty-Oakland

Others Present:

Donna Leong, Corporation Counsel
Megan Muramatsu, Managing Director's Office
Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission
Mary James, Researcher, Honolulu Charter Commission
Norma Reyes, Secretary, Honolulu Charter Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Guy Fujimura, Kevin Mulligan, Dave Rae, John Waihee, Cheryl Soon, Nathan Okubo, Mike Broderick, Paul Oshiro, Rick Tsujimura

With a quorum present, Chair Rae called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

III. FOR DISCUSSION

- *Election Results*
Presentation by the City Clerk.

- *Legal Requirements*
Presentation by the Department of the Corporation Counsel on the final requirements for the Charter Commission and the procedures for amending the Charter and the steps to implement the Charter proposals.

- *Public Education*
Presentation by Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc., on its media and public relations program to educate the public about the proposed Charter amendments.

- *Draft Final Report of the 2015-2016 Charter Commission.*

There was no testimony. Chair Rae noted that the only business left was the discussion of the Legal Requirements as presented by the Corporation Counsel. He asked for a motion to waive privilege based on an earlier letter from the Corporation Counsel. Commissioner Tsujimura motioned that the privilege be waived. The motion was seconded and passed.

Corporation Counsel, Donna Leong, summarized the effective dates for the various amendments that passed in the previous election. She explained that if there were no specific effective date provided in a proposal, it would take effect upon certification by the City Clerk, which could be as early as November 29, 2016. She noted that four amendments contained effective dates. These were Amendment #4, relating to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, Amendment #9, relating to the Honolulu Zoo, Amendment #11 relating to the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, and Amendment #20b, relating to the publication of an updated Charter.

Corporation Counsel Leong outlined the remaining duties of the Charter Commission. Prior to the election, the Charter Commission's duties were to solicit proposals, draft

digests of the proposals and provide public notice that copies of the proposals were available. By rule, the Commission cannot explain or interpret the proposals after their passage. However, she pointed out that the Charter Commission minutes and Final Report had often been referred to for interpretation. She summarized the duties of the Commission after the election as adopting the minutes, approving the budget and drafting the Final Report. After the Commission's work was finished, it would be up to the City Council to implement the changes to the Charter.

Governor Waihee asked the Corporation Counsel if the Commission Rules could be amended. Corporation Counsel Leong explained that they could be amended for the current Commission if there were something that would require such an amendment before the Commission completed its work. She said the Commission could also recommend possible amendments to the next Commission in the Final Report.

Chair Rae thanked the Corporation Counsel for her input into the Charter process along with her staff's input.

Commissioner Soon asked about the budget and where she could get a copy of the figures. The Executive Administrator explained it will be part of the Final Report. Commissioner Soon asked for a copy and the Executive Administrator offered to email it to the Commissioners.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Rae reminded the Commissioners that they would be taking a photograph with the Mayor after the meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 3:15 p.m.