



**Charter Review Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

**Commission Members Present:**

Rafael Anchia  
Jan Hart Black  
Liz Cedillo- Pereira  
Robert Chereck  
Eva Elvove  
Lois Finkelman, Second Vice Chair  
Michael Northrup  
Jeanne Phillips  
Diane Ragsdale  
Paul Rich  
Bob Stimson  
Mary Suhm  
Alan Walne  
Max Wells

**Staff Members Present:**

Anna Holmes  
Tricia Horatio  
Billierae Johnson  
Parris Long  
Barbara McAninch  
Rosa Rios  
John Rogers  
Elizabeth Zornes

**Commission Members Absent:**

Levi Davis, Tom Perkins

5:50 PM Meeting called to order by Rafael Anchia.

A quorum was present.

**Chair's Welcome**

**Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia**

**Discussion Item:** Chair Anchia gave recap of the meeting held March 11, 2014 where the Commission discussed council pay and terms.

**Discussion Item:** Chair Anchia requested that if a commission member expects to be absent to inform a fellow commissioner to insure a quorum will be met. Chair Anchia requested that commissioners turn on microphones when speaking and speak directly into the microphone.

**Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2014 meeting**

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2014. Motion seconded by Commissioner Finkelman.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Continued Discussion on Mayor & City Council Pay and Terms**

**Discussion Item:** No consensus was reached regarding a compensation increase for Mayor and City Council. The Commission discussed the quality of the pool of candidates and how the current level of compensation precludes portions of the population from running for elected office. No consensus was



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reached regarding city council status as a full or part time position. Commission discussed adding an inflationary index to the Charter. The Chair requested commission members to submit proposals on salary and terms to staff. Commission staff reminded the Commission of the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibitions on walking quorums.

**Request for information:** Total compensation package offered to current City Council members and the average cost of benefits paid to city employees.

Presentation on Boards and Commissions

**Presenter(s): Rosa Rios**

**Discussion Item:** The Commission was presented with a general overview of the City of Dallas Board and Commissions. The presentation included the following:

- Membership
- Meetings
- Attendance and/or Forfeiture
- Vacancies

Update on Dallas County Ballot Procedures

**Presenter(s): John Rogers**

**Discussion Item:** The Commission was briefed on Dallas County ballot procedures.

Discussion on Boards and Commissions

**Request for information:** The Commission requested a list of Boards and Commissions that are in the Charter and which Boards are obsolete.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:28

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**Chair**

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**Commission Administrator**