



**Charter Review Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
City Hall 6ES  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**Commission Members Present:**

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

**Staff Members Present:**

Anna Holmes  
Tricia Horatio  
Parris Long  
Barbara McAninch  
John Rogers  
Elizabeth Zornes

**Commission Members Absent:**

Max Wells

**5:37 PM Meeting called to order by Rafael Anchia.**

A quorum was present.

**Chair's Welcome & Work Plan**

**Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia**

**Discussion Item(s):** Chair Anchia gave a recap of the meeting held March 18, 2014 where the Commission further discussed council pay and terms. Chair Anchia requested that commissioners send proposals to city staff regarding suggested charter amendments. Chair Anchia announced interpreters will be providing simultaneous Spanish language translation during the next scheduled community meetings. The work plan was outlined for the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2014. Topics for discussion include:

- Civil Service Presentations
- Presentation from the City Attorney
- Vote on three outstanding technical amendments
- Vote on appointment, forfeiture and attendance policy for boards and commissions
- Vote on prohibition on financial interest of Employees or Officers in public contracts

April 8, 2014 is the due date to submit proposals to city staff on Mayor/Council pay and terms and amendments related to boards and commissions, redistricting, and civil service or any other charter



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related issues. April 15, 2014 is the due date to discuss these proposed amendments. April 29, 2014 is set as the date to vote on proposed amendments concerning:

- Mayor/Council pay and terms
- Boards and commissions
- Redistricting
- Civil Service

Remaining suggested amendments with no support from a commissioner will not be included on the working list after April 15, 2014.

Dallas 2011 Redistricting Process, a Citizen's Perspective

**Presenter(s): Bill Betzen**

**Discussion Items:** Mr. Betzen spoke to the commission about his experience with the City of Dallas 2011 Redistricting process. Mr. Betzen suggested that any time a district border is altered on the map supporting documentation should accompany the change. Mr. Betzen is a proponent of an independent redistricting commission.

Expert Testimony on Redistricting

**Presenter(s): Steve Bickerstaff, Justin Levitt, Rosalind Gold**

**Discussion Item:** Experts on redistricting gave testimony with recommendations on an equitable redistricting process for the City of Dallas.

**Request for information:** Commissioner Phillips requested the ethnic/racial breakdown of Dallas by district. Commissioner Rich requested any indexed legal periodic literature on current civil rights issues.

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Motion made to approve minutes of March 18, 2014 by Commissioner Walne. Motion seconded by Commissioner Black. **Motion passed unanimously**

Briefing on Redistricting

**Discussion Item:** Staff will brief commission on redistricting at a later date.

Changes to Charter Regarding Redistricting

**Discussion Item:** The Commission will further discuss changes to the charter regarding redistricting at a later date.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM**



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**Chair**

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**Commission Administrator**