

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
AGENDA**

April 26, 2023

6:30P.M.

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914

6:30P.M. Open Session

I. OPEN SESSION

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

B. Vote to amend meeting schedule due to room availability

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

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

E. Discussion of City Clerk

V. ADJOURNMENT



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Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor
City of East Providence
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

Dear Mayor DaSilva,

Following the adoption of Charter Commission Resolution No. 87 on June 16, 2020 by the City Council, and the subsequent approval of said resolution by the voters of East Providence in November 2022, The East Providence Charter Review Commission formally convened on April 19, 2023. This Charter Commission consists of nine (9) members: five (5) elected, two (2) appointed by the City Council, and two (2) appointed by the Mayor. This Commission is charged with reviewing and making recommendations for changes to the city Charter. In order to accomplish this task, it is necessary to solicit the input of both the administration and City Council.

Therefore, the Commission is requesting a formal written proposal, or set of proposals, to be introduced by the administration to the Commission to identify areas in the Charter for improvement that would aid the executive branch in its functioning. Please note, that it is at the Commission's discretion whether to accept any or all of these changes, however, each will be taken up and debated at meetings.

In order to meet practical deadlines, the Commission requests that the administration responds with written proposals by May 8, 2023 so that they may be taken up at the following meeting.

Sincerely,

Marc Furtado
Chair
East Providence Charter Review Commission



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Bob Rodericks
Council President
City of East Providence
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

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For that purpose, the Commission is requesting that the City Council, or any of its members, submit written proposals for Charter changes to the Commission for discussion and consideration. While the Commission is an advisory body, and the City Council has sole authority to propose Charter amendments, this Commission believes it is in the best interest of the city to proactively collaborate on potential Charter changes in order to deliver the best finished product to residents. With this being the case, the Commission also highly encourages Council members to attend Charter Commission meetings.

In order to meet practical deadlines, the Commission requests that the Council, or its members, respond with written proposals as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Marc Furtado
Chair
East Providence Charter Review Commission