

Charter Change Committee
Monday, September 15, 2025
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall,
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Becca Brown McKnight (Chair), Gene Bergman, Evan Litwin

Staff Present: Jessica Brown (City Attorney), Christian Berry (Interim Director of REIB), Katie Greene (REIB Program Manager), Victoria Luciano (REIB Administrative Coordinator),

Public Present: Melo Grant (Central District Councilor)

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM by Councilor McKnight.

1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Bergman, Seconded by Councilor McKnight

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Public Forum
2.01 Verbal Comments

No speakers present.

Public forum closed at 1:06 PM.

3. Inclusion of REIB Department in Charter Discussion
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The Committee discussed the timeline to get the REIB charter change on the ballot for March 2026. The Committee aimed to have this item ready for the November 17 City Council meeting. Attorney Brown recommended REIB be under Title 8 of the charter.

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having the position of Director a mayoral appointment and the process of removal for mayoral appointees provided by the Charter. Councilor Bergman raised the consideration of term length and Councilor Litwin noted the consideration of residency requirements.

The Committee discussed including language establishing a commission for REIB.

Further discussion and action contingent on public input from subsequent REIB Committee meeting.

4. Any Other Committee Business

4.01 Any Other Committee Business

No action was taken.

5. Adjournment

5.01 Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Councilor Bergman, Seconded by Councilor Litwin

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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