



# City of Tacoma

## Charter Review Committee Minutes

February 1, 2024

5:30 p.m.

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 243

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 857 9094 1184

Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/85790941184](https://www.zoom.us/j/85790941184)

**AMENDED**

### Call to Order

Chair Wamback call the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present: 12** – Katie Baird, Nicholas Carr, Maricres Castro, Patrick Fischer, Bryan Flint, Jason Gauthier, Andre Jimenez, Melissa Malott, Latasha Palmer, Andrea Reay, Stephen Wamback, and Lok Yin Wu

**Absent: 3** – Silong Chhun, Rebecca Stith, and Diamatris Winston

Committee Members Flint and Jimenez participated virtually.

Committee Member Diamatris Winston arrived at 6:04 p.m.

### Welcome

At approximately 5:36 p.m., Chair Wamback outlined the agenda for the meeting. He also queued up the guest speakers for the February 8, 2024.

### Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

### Approval of January 11, 2024, CRC Meeting Minutes

At approximately 5:43 p.m., the Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 11, 2024, Charter Review Committee meeting, by common consensus.

## **Form of Government Discussion**

At approximately 5:44 p.m., Chair Wamback opened the discussion on form of government. A robust discussion on the pros and cons ensued, including concrete examples presented to help members think through the issues in the various forms of government; the lack of transparency and accountability with the current form of government; and whether a change to the form of government would help redefine, rework, and lessen bureaucracy in Tacoma.

Committee Member Diamatris Winston arrived here, at 6:04 p.m.

Committee discussion continued on forms of government. The Committee further discussed questions they should be considering when debating the pros and cons of various forms of government.

## **Break**

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

## **Public Meeting Discussion**

At approximately 7:28 p.m., Chair Wamback started a conversation about public and future meetings by reminding the Committee of the virtual meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, noting that guest speakers Andrew Neiditz, Derek Matheson, and Paul Roberts will be joining the Committee in their form of government discussion.

This was followed by a discussion of timelines and public outreach, as alterations are needed to keep the Committee's schedule streamlined.

The Committee's conversation moved to the topic of possibly forming subcommittees earlier than planned in the timeline, style and format of recommendations, and drafting work. Committee consensus was that for the final version of any recommendations they make, will be written by the Committee as a whole.

## **Other Business/Homework**

Committee Members requested background information from guest speakers prior to any future meetings.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Stephen Wamback, Chair



Joan Taverna, City Clerk's Office