

PAWTUCKET CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

MEETING

January 5, 2009

A meeting of the Pawtucket Charter Review Commission is held Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303, City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI.

Present – Chairperson Tavares, Commissioners Babiec, Brissette, Butler, Hovarth , McGill, Plitt, McKittrick, Sawyer, Spinola and Tirrell.

Absent – None.

Chairperson Tavares presides.

The Commission conducts a public input period, at which Stephen Kapalka of 10 Vineyard Street, Pawtucket presents provisions from the Warwick City Charter, references provisions from the East Providence and Cranston City Charters and speaks about various provisions concerning boards and commissions, including requiring members of boards and commissions to be made up of members of all political parties, granting the Board of Appeals to power to issue subpoenas and electing a School Committee member from each Council district..

The reading of the minutes of the Charter Review Commission Meeting of December 16, 2009 is dispensed with and the minutes are APPROVED as amended by the Secretary with one abstention by Commissioner Brissette who did not attend that meeting.

The Commission Takes up the following:

Discussion regarding answers received from department heads to questions arising from last meeting.

Ken McGill, Registrar of Board of Canvassers addresses questions regarding procedure for filling a mid-term vacancy in the Mayor's office and the duties of a City Council President who assumes the vacant office of Mayor. He also provides his recommendation against requiring members of boards and commissions to be qualified electors, rather than only residents of the City

Review of the Preamble to the Charter – No discussion.

Review of Article III, Chapter 7, Section 702 – Discussion regarding the number of alternates serving on the Board of Appeals.

Review of Article III, Chapter 7, Section 707 – Discussion as to what law regulates the Housing Authority.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Margaret-Mary Belliveau Hovarth, Secretary