



**City of Moorhead
Charter Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021 at 8:00 AM
Hjemkomst Center Auditorium**

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Martha Castanon	Absent
Board Member:	Cathi Chial	Present
Board Member:	Laura Christensen	Present
Board Member:	Julian Dahlquist	Absent
Board Member:	Alexa Dixson	Present
Board Member:	Leah duCharme	Present
Board Member:	Athena Gracyk	Present
Board Member:	Moshe Peterson	Present
Board Member:	Joel Rehder	Present
Board Member:	Dave Sederquist	Absent
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. [April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

Majority of Quorum

Motion made to Approve made by Athena Gracyk and seconded by Mark Voxland
Motion to Approve 1. April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Cathi Chial, Laura Christensen, Alexa Dixson, Leah duCharme, Athena Gracyk, Moshe Peterson, Joel Rehder, Mark Voxland, Mark Voxland

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 3 - Martha Castanon, Julian Dahlquist, Dave Sederquist

Recused: 0 - (None)

Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

2. [Elected Officials Serving on Paid Commissions or Committees](#)

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Motion to have the City attorney to draft an amendment to section 12:03 that would X number of city council members to be on the MPS commission board

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Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 3 - Martha Castanon, Julian Dahlquist, Dave Sederquist

Recused: 0 - (None)

Minutes: Julian Dahlquist came in at 8:15 am. - Was not here for the minutes vote.

Chair Joel Rehder gave history of the last meeting with Attorney Charles Ramstad sharing his expertise in regards to compatible office. Charter members discussed their opinions/thoughts of the issue raised.

Motion to have the City attorney to draft an amendment to section 12:03 that would X number of city council members to be on the MPS commission board.

benefits and risks of having a council member on the board.

Minutes: voxland mentioned to watch how the council chose the 2nd ward replacement. John Shockley shared the process of how the election of the ward 2 office.

council advertised the open position, applicants were taken, the council had all 6 applicants to submit answers to questions which was open record, the council held interviews during a council meeting, each of the candidates answered, council members waited for public comment based upon their public interviews, the council voted on the candidate at the next meeting.

New Business

Minutes: Julian Dahlquist wondering he would like a discussion starting a citizen police oversight commission. starting the conversation. Gracyk isn't sure that the charter is the right body to create commissions. city council created them by ordinances in the past. Chapter 2 section 2.02 the city may establish a board or committee. seems that the city council would be the people to take this to. Mr. Voxland gave history of the boards and commissions being put in the charter and by allowing the council, it leaves more flexibility. Suggestion by voxland to reach out to the council and suggest the council begin looking at this.

Minutes: Dahlquist suggested looking at "approval voting" , allowing the voter to vote for all the candidates that they approve of.

Adjourn

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 9:14am

*Respectfully submitted by:
Michelle Brekken, City Clerk*