



**City of Moorhead
Charter Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Julian Dahlquist	Present
Board Member:	Corey Delorme	Present
Board Member:	Douglas Fagerlie	Present
Board Member:	Angelique McDonald	Absent
Board Member:	Athena Gracyk	Present
Board Member:	Russell Hanson	Absent
Board Member:	Thomas Krabbenhoft	Absent until 8:11 am
Board Member:	Darvin Landa	Present
Board Member:	Joel Rehder	Present
Board Member:	James Steen	Present
Board Member:	Kenneth Tangen	Absent
Board Member:	Bradley Vesta	Present
Board Member:	Eldon Wollman	Absent

Guests present:

Sarah Wear	City Attorney
Michelle French	City Clerk
Christina Volkens	City Manager
Mark Altenburg	Moorhead Resident

1. [Administer Oath of Office to New Member\(s\)](#)

Oath was administered to Corey Delorme

Approval of Minutes

2. [February 15, 2017 Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes of February 15, 2017 by Steen seconded by Gracyk; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees

Public Comment

The Moorhead City Charter Commission welcomes and encourages public input on issues listed on the agenda or of general community interest. Citizens wishing to address the Charter Commission regarding a specific agenda item will be afforded an opportunity during the discussion of that item. Speakers are limited to a 2-minute presentation. Citizens wishing to speak on matters not listed on the agenda will be afforded the opportunity to do so under the heading "Public Comment".

Unfinished Business

3. Discuss Election Vacancies/Open Seats

Minutes: Discussion occurred regarding the process that was determined for the 2016 Council vacancy.

The Charter Commission members directed the City Attorney to come up with scenarios, look at other City Charters, and provide a list of compatible offices.

The Charter Commission would like a clear policy on how to fill vacancies and can a Council Member running for office, run for multiple offices.

Motion to direct the City Attorney to clarify incompatible office made by Steen seconded by Delorme; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to direct the City Attorney to determine where in the City Charter the term vacancies exist made by Rehder seconded by Gracyk; motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Minutes: Discussion occurred regarding the Charter Commission membership.

Motion to change the membership of the Moorhead Charter Commission from 13 members to 11 members effective January 31, 2019 made by Landa seconded by Steen; motion approved by unanimous vote.

The membership will consist of two members per ward with the Mayor appointing three members.

Next meeting will be held on June 21, 2017.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am

*Respectfully submitted by:
Michelle French, City Clerk*