

Overall Theme

- The Commission’s recommendations focus on **clarifying the Mayor–Council system**, improving **transparency and accountability**, **updating election processes**, and embedding **ethics, training, and nondiscrimination** principles directly into the Charter. Municipal law attorney Kevin Butler was retained to support and facilitate the Commission’s work.

Process Overview

- **Establishment:** City Council established the Charter Review Commission in December 2022, appointing 9 members (6 by Council, 3 by the Mayor).
- Appointments Completed: June 2023.
- **First Meeting:** July 12, 2023 (organizational meeting; officers elected; meeting rules adopted).
- **Meetings:** Commission met 35+ times between July 2023 and May 2024, generally twice a month, with additional sessions for interviews.
- **Public Input:** A dedicated city website page hosted agendas, minutes, recordings, and received public comments via email.
- **Formal Public Meetings:** Two special public input meetings were held (February 12, 2024 and May 21, 2024).
- **Interviews/Presentations:** Elected officials, former mayors, and outside experts (e.g., Rank the Vote Ohio) gave presentations and completed surveys to inform recommendations.
- **Completion of Recommendations and Report:** On May 29, 2024, the Commission approved the final Amended Charter, Proposed Amendments, and Report for delivery to Council

Timeline of Key Dates from Charter Review Commission

Date	Event
June 2023	Council completed Commission appointments (9 members selected).
July 12, 2023	First organizational meeting; officers elected; meeting framework set.
Jan 8, 2024	Presentations: Council Members Gail Larson & Janine Boyd.
Jan 9, 2024	Presentation: Council Member Craig Cobb.
Jan 18, 2024	Presentations: Council Members (Larson, Boyd, etc.); no surveys submitted.
Jan 22, 2024	Presentation: Council Vice President Davida Russell.

Feb 6, 2024	Survey responses reviewed; Interviews with Mayor Kahlil Seren; Jeanne Gordon & Len Friedson (Committee for Elected Mayor).
Feb 7, 2024	Council Members Jim Petras & James Posch presentation/discussion.
Feb 10, 2024	Civil Service Commission Chair Judith Miles & Hugh Weinberg presentation.
Feb 12, 2024	Public Input Meeting #1 (~40 residents) – Discussed balance of powers, wards vs. at-large elections, ranked choice voting.
May 8, 2024	Presentation: Mayor of Shaker Heights David Weiss.
May 15, 2024	Presentation: South Euclid Mayor Georgene Welo (experiences under mayor-council form).
May 21, 2024	Public Input Meeting #2 (~30 residents) – Discussed draft recommendations (executive-legislative balance, petitions, ethics, land acknowledgment, ranked choice voting).
May 29, 2024	Commission approved recommendations including Amended Charter, Proposed Amendments and Report for delivery to Council.

Full Timeline of Charter Review Commission Meetings

Date	Event
June 2023	Council completed Commission appointments (9 members selected).
Jul 12, 2023	First organizational meeting; officers elected; meeting framework set. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Aug2, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Aug 16, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording

Sep 20, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Oct 4, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Oct 18, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Nov 1, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Nov 15, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Dec 6, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Dec 20, 2023	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Jan 3, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Jan 8, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Council Members Gail Larson & Janine Boyd. Agenda Minutes Video Recording

Jan 9, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Council Member Craig Cobb and Council President Tony Cuda Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Jan 18, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Council Member Janine Boyd and Former Council President Melody Joy Hart; no surveys submitted. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Jan 22, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Council Vice President Davida Russell. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Jan 24, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Feb 6, 2024	CRC Survey responses reviewed and Interviews with Mayor Kahlil Seren; Jeanne Gordon & Len Friedson (Committee for Elected Mayor). Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Feb 7, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Council Members Jim Petras & James Posch presentation/discussion. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Feb 10, 2024	CRC Meeting: Interview Civil Service Commission Chair Judith Miles & Hugh Weinberg presentation. Agenda Minutes Video Recording

Feb 12, 2024	CRC Meeting: Public Input Meeting #1 (~40 residents) – Discussed balance of powers, wards vs. at-large elections, ranked choice voting. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Feb 28, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Mar 6, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Mar 20, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Mar 27, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Apr 3, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Apr 13, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Apr 17, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
Apr 20, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording

Apr 27, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 1, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 4, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 8, 2024	CRC Meeting Interview: Mayor of Shaker Heights David Weiss. Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 11, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes
May 14, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 15, 2024	CRC Meeting Interview: South Euclid Mayor Georgene Welo (experiences under mayor-council form). Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 21, 2024	CRC Public Input Meeting #2 (~30 residents) – Discussed draft recommendations (executive-legislative balance, petitions, ethics, land acknowledgment, ranked choice voting). Agenda Minutes Video Recording

May 28, 2024	Charter Review Commission Meeting Agenda Minutes Video Recording
May 29, 2024	CRC Meeting: Commission approved Amended Charter, Proposed Amendments, and Report for delivery to Council. Agenda Minutes Video Recording

Timeline of Council Committee of the Whole Meetings Related to Charter Review Commission

Date	Event
June 11, 2024, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Council Receives Charter Review Commission Report. Agenda Video Recording
September 25, 2024, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	COTW – CRC Recommendations Workshop Agenda Video Recording
October 29, 2024, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	COTW – CRC Recommendations Workshop Agenda Video Recording
January 25, 2025, 9:00 AM – 1:45 PM	COTW – CRC Recommendations Workshop Agenda Video Recording
February 22, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2:15 PM	COTW – CRC Recommendations Workshop Agenda Video Recording
April 15, 2025, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	COTW – CRC Recommendations Workshop Wrap Up/Next Steps Agenda Video Recording
August 14, 2025, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	COTW – First Amended Charter Review Workshop

	Agenda Video Recording
August 21, 2025, 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	COTW – First amended Charter Review Workshop Agenda Video Recording
August 25, 2025	Special Council Meeting – Public Hearing for Proposed Charter Amendments and First Reading of Ord. 169-2025 Agenda Video Recording
UPCOMING MEETINGS	
August 28, 2025 – 10:00 AM	COTW – Public Hearing: First Amended Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights
August 29, 2025 – 6:00 PM	COTW – Public Haring: First Amended Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights
September 2, 2025 – 7:30 PM	Regular Council Meeting: Second Reading of Ord. 169-2025
September 4, 2025	DEADLINE TO GET LEGISLATION AND BALLOT LANGUAGE TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS