CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA
Old City Hall
315 E Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, Florida 33602

APPROVED MINUTES FOR MEETING ON: March 10, 2026, AT 5:59 P.M.

The Charter Review Commission of the City of Tampa, Florida convened in a regular meeting in the Sister Cities Room at Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, First Floor, at 6:02 p.m. on the 10th day of March 2026. The Zoom meeting was live streamed recorded, made available to the public on YouTube and minutes were prepared by Karencia Ciagala, Senior City Council/City Clerk Support Specialist, Office of the City Clerk.

Members present upon roll call: Garrett Greco, Stephen Benson, Bobby Creighton, Ron Christaldi, Ashley Morrow, Rebecca Kert, Alan Cohn, Kathleen Shanahan, Bill Schifino, and Alternates Sue Carlton and Alison Hewitt (arrived after roll call).

City Staff in attendance were T & I Support Technicians Gavin Barrera, Deputy City Clerk Suling Lucas-Harris, and Sr. City Council/Clerk Support Specialists Tonia Wilcox and Karencia Ciagala.

Others in attendance were CRC Facilitator Robert Hendrickson and CRC Attorney Kenneth Tinkler of Carlton Fields.

Public Comment

The following individuals appeared before the Charter Review Commission to make public comment:

Christopher Soto

Also in attendance were Joseph V. Citro, Mida Martinez and Stephanie Poynor.

Approval of 02/24/2026 Meeting Minutes

Chair Ashley Morrow asked for motion to approve minutes. Bobby Creighton asked for review of the minutes regarding the section about the mayor and the residency requirements (page two, paragraph 2 removing the words “and decide if same should be applied to the mayor”).

MOTION (Creighton/Christaldi) to approve February 24, 2026, CRC Minutes as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker City Attorney Scott Steady

Facilitator Robert Hendrickson introduced City Attorney Scott Steady. City Attorney Steady provided handouts, gave a summary of Article 5.01 of the Charter and answered questions from the members. At

the conclusion Hendrickson told Steady that he appreciated taking the time to attend and thanked him. City Attorney Scott Steady said that he would provide a summary of city litigation and the charter.

Review and Discuss Potential Amendments to the Tampa City Charter (Articles 4 and 6)
Charter Review

The facilitator gave a recap of February 24, 2026, charter review and asked the CRC for feedback on Charter Articles 5.01 (a through e). He also stated he would send previously sent emails to all members for their records.

With respect to section 5.01a, b, d, and e there are no recommendations by the CRC to change the language in the charter. With respect to section 5.01c there is a concern about expeditiously signed and shared audit reports.

MOTION (Creighton/Schifino) to ask (internal audit) staff about how much time is required and policies and procedures regarding time frame for signing (and releasing audit reports).
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION (Christaldi/Greco) to request city council chairman to come spend an hour with the CRC and answer questions. Rebecca Kert asked and was approved by Christaldi to amend the motion to ask the chairman about issues presented to CRC and what city council asked for.
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION (Christaldi/Benson) to ask City Attorney Scott Steady to clarify Section 2.01 of the charter, as by ordinance for redistricting city council has discretion. (Per Ron Christaldi a legal opinion is holding). CRC Attorney Ken Tinkler announced he will send memo to City Attorney Scott Steady.

For the section review, the facilitator utilized a whiteboard to take notes covering recommended changes, items requiring clarification, and action items for follow up. Attached to the minutes at Exhibit A are the whiteboard notes.

New Business

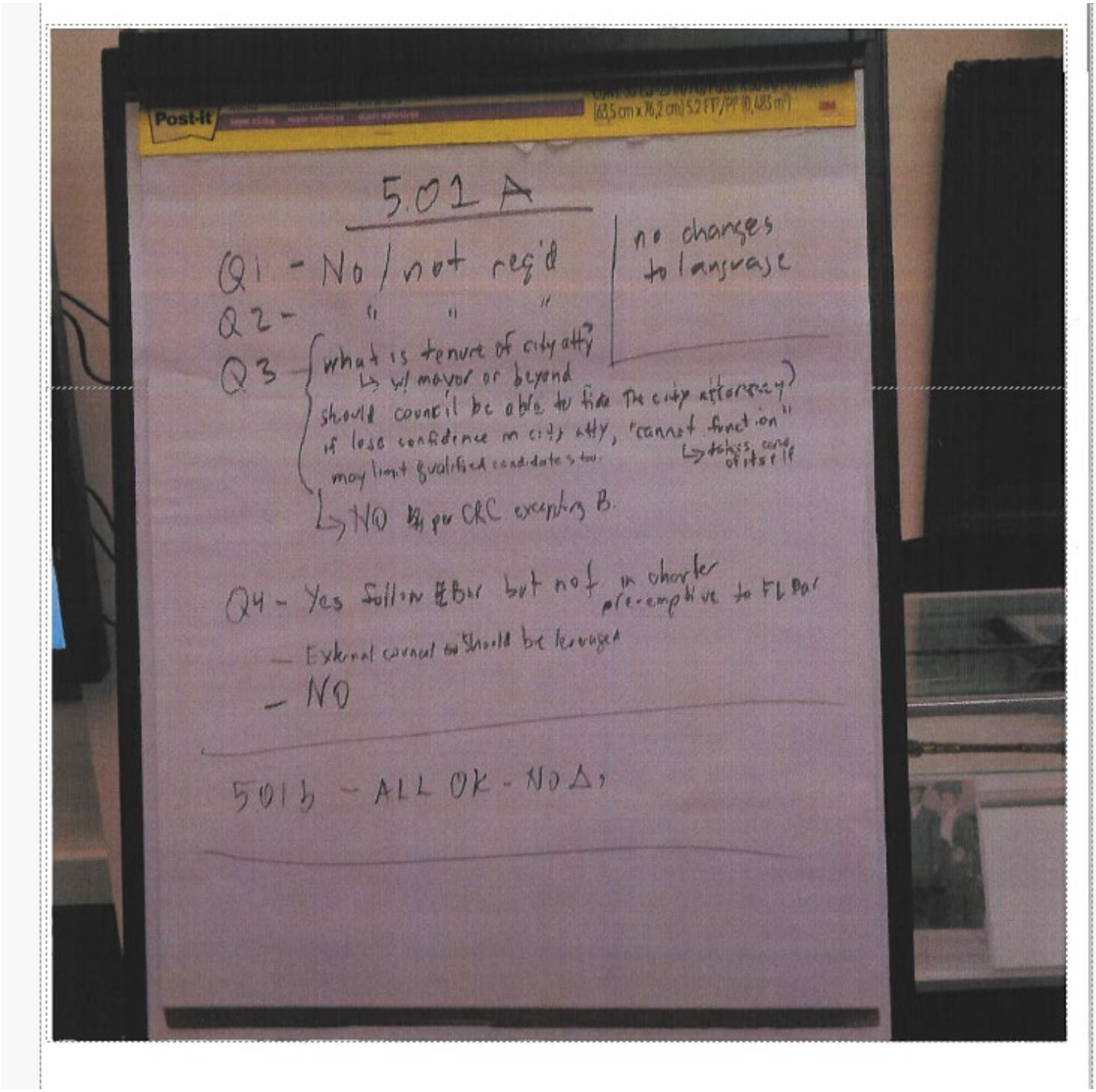
Facilitator Robert Hendrickson announced that the Planning Commission and possibly Council Attorney Martin Shelby will attend the next meeting on March 24, 2026.

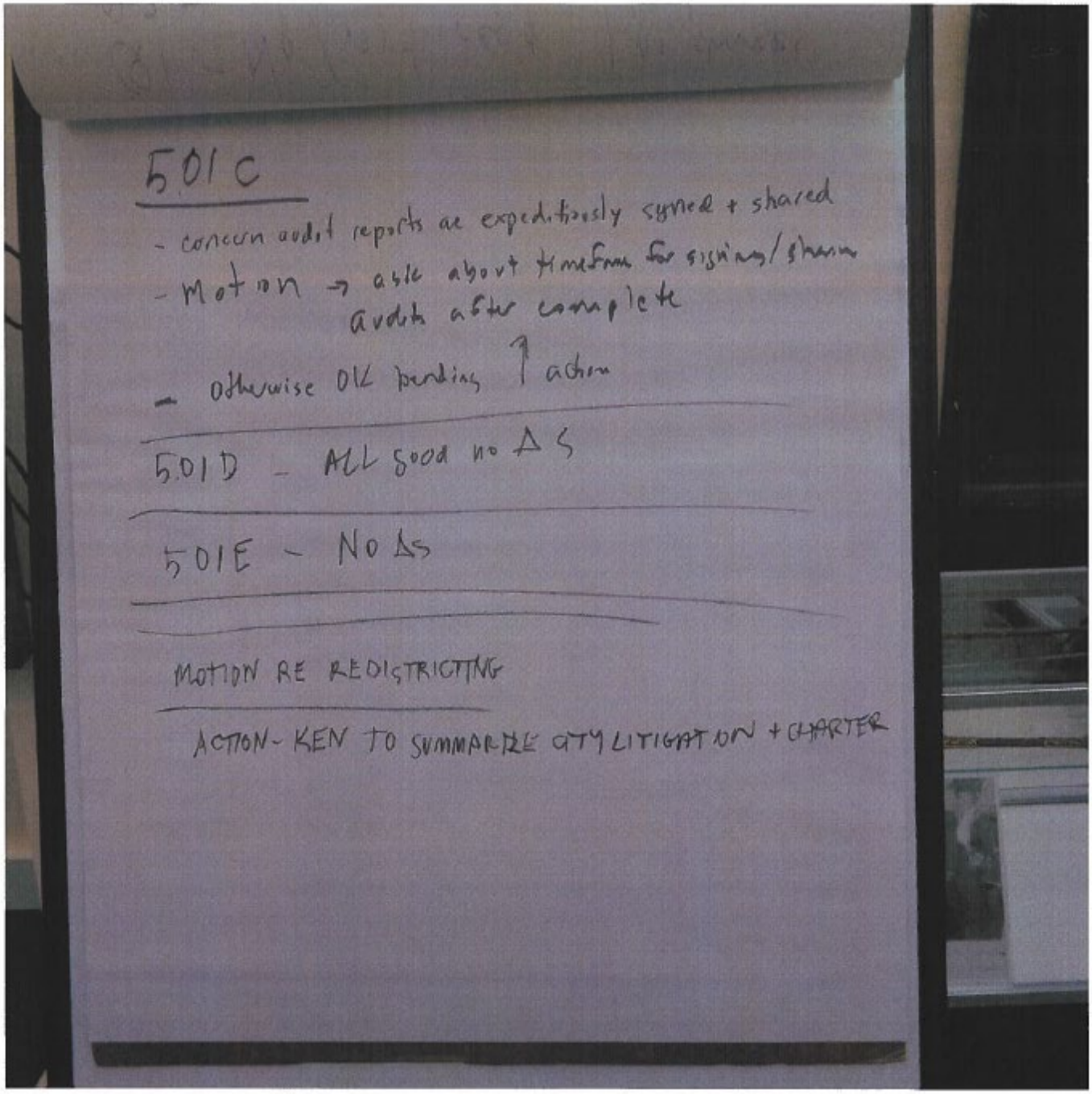
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Charter Review Commission at this time, upon no objection, CRC Chair Ashley Morrow adjourned said meeting at 8:42p.m., on the 10h day of March 2026.

Minutes Approved by CRC on March 24, 2026
Chairperson Ashley Morrow

EXHIBIT A


Post-it
5.01 A
Q1 - No / not req'd
Q2 - " " "
Q3 - what is tenure of city atty
↳ w/ mayor or beyond
should council be able to fire the city attorney?
if lose confidence in city atty, "cannot function"
↳ takes care of itself
may limit qualified candidates too.
↳ NO per CRC excepting B.
no changes to language
Q4 - Yes follow FL Bar but not in charter
pre-emptive to FL Bar
- External counsel to should be leveraged
- NO
5.01 b - ALL OK - NO Δ's


5.01 C
- concern audit reports ae expeditiously synced + shared
- Motion → asle about timeframe for signing/sharing audit after complete
- otherwise OK pending ↑ action
5.01 D - ALL good no Δs
5.01 E - No Δs
MOTION RE REDISTRICTING
ACTION - KEN TO SUMMARIZE CITY LITIGATION + CHARTER