**CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION**

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA

Old City Hall

315 E Kennedy Blvd.

Tampa, Florida 33602

APPROVED MINUTES FOR MEETING ON: March 24, 2026, AT 6:00 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 6:00p.m. on the 24th day of March 2026. The Zoom meeting was live streamed recorded and available on YouTube, and minutes were prepared by Tonia Wilcox, Senior City Council/City Clerk Support Specialist, Office of the City Clerk.

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

City Staff in attendance were Sebastian Leon and Darlene Johnson, Legislative Aides, Gavin Barrera, T & I Support Technicians, and Suling Lucas-Harris, Deputy City Clerk.

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:

There were no public comments.

Approval of 3/10/26 Meeting Minutes

Chair Ashley Morrow asked for motion to approve minutes. Bobby Creighton asked that March 10, 2026, minutes be revised on page one to reflect the correct parties who made the motion.

**MOTION (Creighton/Schifino) to adopt as amended the March 10, 2026, CRC Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Guest Speakers Melissa Zornitta and Yassert Gonzalez Hillsborough Planning Commission

Facilitator Robert Hendrickson introduced Melissa Zornitta. Yassert Gonzalez gave a presentation regarding Tampa Demographic Trends & Redistricting and answered questions from CRC members. At the conclusion, the Facilitator and CRC members thanked Mr. Gonzalez for the presentation.

## Review and Discuss Potential Amendments to the Tampa City Charter (Sections 3 and 4.01)

The Facilitator led the CRC through a discussion of section 3.01 and 4.01. In summary, the CRC had no changes to section 3.1 (five of nine CRC members preferred to leave the section unchanged). For section 4.01, 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.

## Discussion

The members discussed and expressed their views of historical City issues related to the separation of legislative and executive powers and city investigative practices. The Facilitator provided a recap regarding the charter action items, and how the CRC is progressing with its review.

## New Business

There was no new business.

## Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn (Christaldi/Cohn)**: 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 8:59p.m., on this the 24th day of March 2026.

Minutes Approved by CRC on
Chairperson Ashley Morrow

EXHIBIT A

3/24

A - ask SS re 8.02 v 2.01 synch.
A - share HC legislation re: redistrictings

3.01 - 5 in favor of no changes (capture reasons)

4.01
- maybe council can investigate "more" - to be defined
- how does SS interp 2.14?
- investigations make issues public
- note 1.4 does not lay out response options
- do other city councils leverage laws to compel the exec branch?
- maybe leverage unanimous council votes for egregious examples
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