

Charter Commission Charter

The City Council, under its Charter authority in §19-602, hereby establishes the Charter Commission of the City of Winooski. This Commission is a task-oriented Commission stood up from time-to-time to advise the City Council on potential changes to the Municipal Charter, the foundational governance document of the City of Winooski. Re-established in 2019, this Commission is charged with examining options to present Winooski voters with a charter change that would enable non-citizen residents to vote in Winooski municipal elections, protect Winooski voter information, align the School and City's charters, and consider additional governance changes identified by the Council, staff, and public. As part of this process, the Commission is charged with conducting public outreach to the community through public information sessions, forums, and direct outreach.

This body operates within the laws of the State of Vermont, the Winooski City Charter, and observes Vermont's Open Meeting Laws. The Commission has no supervisory authority over City staff, budgetary authority, or authority to give permission on behalf of the City to outside groups.

Membership shall be comprised of five voting members and two alternate members each appointed by the City Council. The School Trustees will be consulted throughout this process to best align efforts. Members shall serve for two year terms or until a change is passed, whichever comes first. The Commission's work focuses on our structure of governance. To that end, Commission members will demonstrate some familiarity with governance, elected office, organization management, community organizations, leadership, or a related field. Additionally, the City of Winooski seeks to appoint Commissions that are representative of the community as a whole. Given the policy role in advising the Council, a commitment to principles of equity and inclusion are paramount.

This Commission will be co-supported by a Council Liaison, appointed on an annual basis from the City Council, and the City Manager. These individuals are not voting members of the Commission.

Established on this 15 day of July, 2019.

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