

Kansas City Charter Review Commission
Public Listening Session Meeting Minutes

5.1.23

All Commissioners present at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64119) for public listening session. Co-Chair Jack Steadman provided an introduction and overview of the Commission and members. Commissioner Jenny Johnston provided an overview of the Charter, explained the Commission's guiding principles, and provided a general overview of the Commission's meetings to date.

The Commission next provided an overview of the redline changes discussed to date by the Commission and identified pros and cons of each. Commissioner Margaret Jones provided an overview of proposals to create a centralized filing system and random ballot order. Commissioner Wilson Vance provided an overview of the proposal to change election dates to an August and November cycle in odd years. Commissioner Michael McGee provided an overview of the proposal to implement a 50+1 winner advance primary system, and Commissioner Adam Miller provided an overview of proposals to reform petition signature thresholds in Article VII related to recall, initiative petitions, and referendum petitions.

The Commission received public comment from approximately 20 attendees. An opportunity to provide public comment via Zoom was offered but there were no attendees that desired to provide virtual comments.

The Commission closed the meeting with final comments and thoughts from individual Commissioners.