



Charter Commission Meeting

February 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13.02 the February 2, 2026 meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Commissioners Rick Nelson and Pam Reynolds will be attending via Zoom. Virtual:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84168234897?pwd=FK8nFgnkp5vsRWzJxyRPiNnHunrzza.1>

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of January 6, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Administrative Matters

2. 2026 Nominating Committee Report
3. Resignation of Ted Kranz
4. Updated Member List

Old Business

5. Subcommittee to Document Changes to Chapter 5 Update

New Business

Future Meeting Topics/Communications

6. Future Meeting Topics

Adjournment

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- Haddii aad u baahan tahay tarjumaad bilaash ah ama kaalmo tarjumaad, fadlan la xiriir shaqaalaha

Magaalada.

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: Approval of January 6, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Background

Attached are the minutes from January 6, 2026 for the Commissions's consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of January 6, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Charter Commission Minutes 01-06-2026

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



Charter Commission Meeting

January 6, 2026

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Nelson called the Charter Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mohamed Barre
Brad Bremener
Greg Gardner
Nikki Karnopp
Dave Linton
Audrey Nelson
Rick Nelson (Remote attendance)
Valerie Rolstad
Natividad Seefeld

Absent

Donald Findell
Steve Kisner
Ted Kranz
Pam Reynolds
Doug Schmitz

Others Present

Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Melissa Moore, Assistant City Manager

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Linton.

Upon a roll call vote, with Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Gardner, Karnopp, Linton, A. Nelson, R. Nelson, Rolstad and Seefeld voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of November 3, 2025 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes with one correction by Commissioner Karnopp. Seconded by Commissioner Bremener.

Upon a roll call vote, with Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Gardner, Karnopp, Linton, A. Nelson, R. Nelson, Rolstad and Seefeld voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

2. 2026 Nominating Committee

Pursuant to the Bylaws, Chair Nelson asked for three members to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee to nominate at least one candidate to each office. Commissioners Smith, Linton and Gardner volunteered to be this year's nominating committee. They will provide a report to Staff for the February agenda packet.

3. Updated Member List

Ms. Kondrick stated that an updated member list has been provided with the addition of new Commissioner Seefeld.

4. Upcoming Terms Expiring: Greg Gardner and Ted Kranz

Commissioner Gardner's appointment to the Charter Commission expires March 1, 2026. He has asked to be reappointed for another term. Commissioner Kranz's appointment to the Charter Commission expires April 28, 2026, however he was absent from this evening's meeting. Staff will follow up with Commissioner Kranz to ask if he wishes to be reappointed.

Motion to reappoint Commissioner Gardner by Commissioner Rolstad, seconded by Commissioner Karnopp.

Upon a roll call vote, with Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Karnopp, Linton, A. Nelson, R. Nelson, Rolstad and Seefeld voting aye, and Commissioner Gardner abstaining, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried.

Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

New Business

5. League of Minnesota Cities Charter Commission Training

Ms. Moore introduced Josephine Rosene from the League of Minnesota Cities. Ms. Rosene is an attorney for the League of Minnesota Cities specializing in Charter Cities. She presented a training session explaining what a Charter City is and the role of a Charter Commission in a Charter City. Training materials were provided to all members for reference after the meeting.

6. Discuss Letter from Mayor Ostwald Regarding Chapter 5

Commissioners held a discussion regarding the letter received from Mayor Ostwald after the November 10th City Council meeting where the Council voted not to approve the first reading of the proposed amendment to Chapter 5.

7. Subcommittee to document logic of proposed Chapter 5 changes

Commissioners discussed forming a subcommittee to respond to the Mayor's letter and who would draft written documentation of the logic behind the proposed changes to Chapter 5. Commissioners Bremener, Linton, Karnopp and Smith volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Motion to form the subcommittee with the Commissioners who volunteered by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a roll call vote, with Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Gardner, Karnopp, Linton, A. Nelson, R. Nelson, Rolstad and Seefeld voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Future Meeting Topics/Communications

7. Future Meeting Topics

- Candidate Interview Process and application
- Next Chapter to Review
- Commission Onboarding Manual
- Meeting schedule cadence
- Chapter 6
- Updated response to Chapter 5
- Reappointment status of Commissioner Kranz

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Rolstad to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bremener.

Upon a roll call vote, with Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Gardner, Karnopp, Linton, A. Nelson, R. Nelson, Rolstad and Seefeld voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: 2026 Nominating Committee Report

Background

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Charter Commission Bylaws, Chair Nelson appointed three or more members to the 2026 Nominating Committee (Committee). The Committee consisted of Commissioners Gardner, Linton and Smith.

The Committee met on January 6, 2026, following the Charter Commission meeting. The Nominating Committee offered the following nominations to serve as the 2026-2027 Charter Commission Officers:

Chair: Brad Bremener

Vice Chair: Nikki Karnopp

Secretary: Mohammed Barre

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor. If two or more Commissioners wish to serve in a particular office, the Commission will hold a contested election at its March meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommend a motion accepting the 2026 Nominating Committee Report.

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: Resignation of Ted Kranz

Background

Commissioner Kranz has submitted his resignation notice from the Charter Commission effective when his term ends on April 22, 2026 (attached).

At the November 3, 2025 Charter Commission meeting, the body voted for the next available opening to be offered to Gary Olsen who the Commission interviewed for the open seat at that time.

Recommendation

Staff recommend a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Kranz. Staff recommend a motion to appoint Gary Olsen to the open seat.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Ted Kranz Resignation

Vision Statement

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1/8/26

Submit

TO THE CITY OF FRIDLEY AND THE MEMBERS
OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION.

AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH
THE COMMISSION I REGRETABLY MUST RESIGN
AFTER MY TERM EXPIRES THIS YEAR.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE I HAVE
MET AND WORKED WITH. YOU HELPED ME TO
LEARN A LOT ABOUT CITY GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE HAD
GREAT MAYORS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY
MANAGERS DURING MY TIME OF SERVING.

~~SPZ~~ OUR CITY CLERKS DO A GREAT JOB!

WE HAVE HAD VERY GOOD APPLICANTS INTERVIEWING
FOR THE POSITION. I THINK NEW FRESH MINDS
WILL BE GOOD FOR THE CITY.

THANK TO ALL

T.E. (TED) HARMON

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: Updated Member List

Background

Recommendation

Attached is an updated Member List. A correction was made to Commissioner Bremener's phone number and an update was made to Commissioner Gardner's phone number.

Attachments and Other Resources

1. 2026 Fridley Charter Commission Member List

Vision Statement

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Charter Commission Membership

Name/Address	Ward	Phone	Email	Appointed	Term Exp.
Mohamed Barre 7509 Lyric Lane NE Fridley, MN 55432	1	(h) 612-242-1513 (w) 612-348-4997	Junlay99@aol.com	02-06-23	02-06-27
Brad Bremener 6831 East River Road Fridley, MN 55432	3	(h) 574-276-0485	Brad.bremener@gmail.com	1-13-25	1-13-29
Donald Findell 6850 Siverts Lane Fridley, MN 55432	2	(h) 763-571-0467 (c) 612-867-9954	donfinder@aol.com	06-16-97 02-21-01 05-04-05 02-04-09 05-24-13 05-03-17 05-01-21 05-01-25 05-01-25	05-11-01 05-01-05 05-01-09 05-01-13 05-01-17 05-01-21 05-01-25 05-01-29
Gregory Gardner 5829 Hackmann Ave. N.E. Fridley, MN 55432	2	(c) 901-517-3254	gardnergregg@msn.com	03-01-22	03-01-26
Nikki Karnopp 482 Rice Creek Terrace N.E. Fridley, MN 55432	1	612-709-6452	nikkikarnopp@gmail.com	02-03-20 02-03-24	02-03-24 02-03-28
Steven Kisner 5871 W. Moore Lake Drive Fridley, MN 55432	2	763-300-8888	spkisner@yahoo.com	01-10-23	01-10-27
Ted Kranz 6701 Monroe Street N.E. Fridley, MN 55432	1	(h) 763-571-4387	tkranz1@comcast.net	08-11-06 03-29-10 10-21-14 04-06-18 04-22-22	04-22-10 04-22-14 04-22-18 04-22-22 04-22-26
Dave Linton 6521 Clover Place NE Fridley, MN 55432	1	(h) 763-571-7431 (c) 763-843-3415	Dwlinton99@gmail.com	05-20-24	05-20-28
Audrey Nelson 250 61 st Avenue NE Fridley, MN 55432	1	763-574-1388	audmnelson@gmail.com	01-10-24	01-10-28
Rick Nelson 4624 2 ½ Street N.E. Fridley, MN 55421	3	(c) 612-963-2487	rickvan16@hotmail.com	05-12-11 02-13-12 05-27-16 02-21-20 02-21-24	02-13-12 02-21-16 02-21-20 02-21-24 02-21-28

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Updated: 12-15-2025



Charter Commission Membership

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Valerie Rolstad 1100 Lynde Drive Fridley, MN 55432	2	(c) 612-799-5993	valerier13@gmail.com	02-15-17 05-03-17 05-01-21 05-01-25	05-01-17 05-01-21 05-01-25 05-01-29
Douglas Schmitz 7311 Tempo Terrace NE Fridley, MN 55432	1	763-780-0541	schmitzdouglas@gmail.com	01-10-24	01-10-28
Natividad Seefeld 1106 Onondaga Street NE Fridley, MN 55432	2	763-494-1119	Mexicali3367@yahoo.com	11-03-25	11-03-29
Kathy Smith 7350 Melody Drive NE Fridley, MN 55432	1	612-590-4721	ksmith1883@gmail.com	05-20-24	05-20-28

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: Subcommittee to Document Changes to Chapter 5 Update

Background

At the January 6, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting, a motion was approved to create a subcommittee to draft a response to the City Council regarding the proposed changes to Chapter 5. The subcommittee consists of Commissioners Bremener, Karnopp, Linton and Smith. The subcommittee has had some discussions since January 6, but are not quite prepared to bring an update to the meeting this evening. The update will be on the March 2 agenda.

Recommendation

Attachments and Other Resources

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 2, 2026
Meeting Type: Charter Commission
Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Title: Future Meeting Topics

Background

Future meeting topics requested by Commissioners:

- Nominating Committee Report
- Updated response to Chapter 5
- Candidate interview process
- Selection of next chapter for review
- Meeting schedule cadence
- Commission Onboarding Manual
- Chapter 6

Recommendation

Attachments and Other Resources

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