



# City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes Charter Review Committee

Farmers Branch City Hall  
13000 Wm Dodson Pkwy  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Training HUB

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The full video of this meeting is available on the City website at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnEG6RtG\\_uQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnEG6RtG_uQ).

## **In attendance:**

- Chair Cristal Retana
- Vice Chair David Koch
- Member Jaime Rivas
- Member John Vickers
- Member Michael Rogan – arrived 6:09 p.m.
- Member Todd Warren
- Member Patrick Trapp
- Member Janet Melancon
- Member Chase Johnson
- Member Pam Capener
- Member Dan Bergeron
- Member Elizabeth Aviles
- Member Brian Kosley
- Member Chris Flower
- Member Polly Prado
- Member Al Mahesh
- Member David Griggs
- Member James Bagby
- City Attorney David Berman

## **Members absent:**

- Member Veronica Vallejo
- Member Carol Dingman
- Member Kevin Caldwell
- Member Scott Noris
- Member Al Mahesh

## **CALL TO ORDER - MEETING**

Chairwoman Retana called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Committee.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**C.1 Consider approval of the January 21, 2026, Charter Review Committee Minutes, and take appropriate action.**

**A motion was made by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Bergeron, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**C.2 Review of items requested for review by the City Attorney.**

City Attorney David Berman gave a review of pending topics of discussion for feasibility with the City Charter.

Items included:

- Consider adding a provision that would require new or amended multifamily project applications to be approved by the City Council, with the Mayor having veto authority.
  - Determined to be operational and controlled by existing processes.
- Consider adding a provision to require increases or decreases in police staffing levels based on crime statistics as compared to surrounding cities.
  - Determined to be operational.
- Considering adding an at-large Council member or possible restructuring of single-member districts.
  - City Attorney is to conduct research regarding legal process to change the structure of the City Council with approval from the Texas Department of Justice.

**C.3 Discuss a revision to Article I, Section 1.07 “General Powers Adopted” of the City’s Charter and consider approval of the recommended amendment to the City Council.**

**A motion was made by Member Trapp, seconded by Member Koch, to approve recommending an amendment to Article I, Section 1.07 “General Powers Adopted” of the City’s Charter to the following: “The enumeration of particular powers in the Charter shall not be held or deemed to be exclusive, but in addition to the powers conferred upon the City by law and constitution.” The motion carried unanimously.**

**C.4 Review and discuss Article II - “The Council” of the City Charter.**

Chair Retana recessed the meeting at 7:26 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The Committee reviewed Sections 2.1 through 2.6 of the City Charter.

The following recommendations or actions were made:

- City Attorney to perform research on the legal process for having an at-large vote for the Mayor.
- Majority of Committee in favor of recommending to the City Council that Council decorum, including decorum related to frivolous ethics complaints, be added to the City’s Code of Ethics.
- Majority of Committee in favor of recommending to the City Council to handle communications with City staff through the City Manager.
- Majority of the Committee in favor of recommending to the City Council to add mandatory annual training to the City’s Code of Ethics.
- Majority of the Committee in favor of recommending to the City Council to create an independent Ethics Committee using already-established authority through the Code of Ordinances.
- Add to Section 2.6(14) the following: “Appoint or dismiss the City Attorney by a majority vote of the City Council.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Member Kosley, seconded by Member Bergeron, to adjourn the meeting and table the discussion regarding Article II at the March 18, 2026, Charter Review Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Retana adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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City Secretary

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Chair