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## Meeting Minutes - Approved AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, October 18, 2021

1:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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**Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting.**

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Others present: Deputy Mayor Christie Baumel, IT Director Sarah Edgerton, City Attorney Mike Haas

Harrington-McKinney joined the meeting at 1:04pm.

Present: 5 - Nasra Wehelie; Grant Foster; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Yannette Figueroa Cole and Keith Furman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foster moved, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021, meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Government Structure Final Report Implementation Work meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [67924](#) Public Comment (10/18/21)

No members of the public were present.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [67925](#) Discussion of draft ordinance amendment regarding changes to the Common Council's Order of Business.

**Foster gave an update on the draft order of business ordinance.**

**Wehelie made a motion to recommend that the proposed Common Council meeting start time move from 4:30pm to 5:30pm with public comment beginning at 6:30pm, and with referrals to the TFOGS Work Group and the Common Council Executive Committee. There was no second. Wehelie withdrew the motion.**

**Wehelie made a motion, seconded by Harrington-McKinney, to get more clarity from the IT Department and the City Clerk's Office regarding the impact of the proposed changes. Foster offered a friendly amendment to initiate a RESJI analysis. The amended motion was approved by voice vote/other.**

**Foster and Harrington-McKinney will work together on getting feedback regarding the RESJI analysis.**

3. [67380](#) Committee of the Whole meeting related to size and shape of Common Council, and appointments and chair of boards, committees, and commissions

**The Chair gave an update on the current status of the proposed Committee of the Whole meeting, stating that Council staff is trying find a date for discussion of the second set of questions that the Work Group discussed at its last meeting.**

4. [61664](#) Continue Discussion of TFOGS Recommendations

**The Chair stated that there were two items on the tracker for today's meeting:**

- 1. Recommendation #18, that Council members should not serve as chairs of BCCs which have resident members.**
- 2. Recommendation #16, that the Mayor continue appointing residents and alders to BCCs but the process be changed to ensure robust review of nominations by the Common Council Executive Committee.**

**Regarding Recommendation #18, the Chair stated that there is currently legislation that is being considered by the Common Council Executive Committee and the Common Council. There was no further discussion of Recommendation #18.**

**Regarding Recommendation #16, the members decided a next step would be to ask Laila D'Costa to attend a future meeting to give an overview of the current recruitment, outreach, and appointment process. No specific meeting date was selected.**

5. [66447](#) Scheduling of Future TFOGS Implementation Work Group Meetings

The Chair identified the following items for the November 15 meeting of the Work Group:

1. Continued discussion of the draft ordinance amendment regarding changes to the Common Council's Order of Business.
2. Continued discussion of a Committee of the Whole meeting.
3. Discussion on the BCC organization and structure.

Foster asked if the Work Group would like to consider any meetings in addition to the once monthly meetings currently scheduled. Wehelie stated she liked the idea but there were so many meetings between November and December that perhaps the Work Group could revisit the question sometime in January since some of the committees may sunset. The Chair stated his preference would be to revisit the question in November after the budget, and that he would like to try to squeeze in some more meetings in December if members have availability.

Wehelie asked the members to consider implementing a self-evaluation tool as means to hold themselves accountable and to provide clarity in communications. The Chair said he would explore this more with her and see how it might fit into the Work Group's process.

The Chair said he would send out a new copy of the tracker so the members can see what the work plan looks like.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Foster moved, seconded by Wehelie, to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

[61246](#) Documents related to the AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP