Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Charter Review Commission
September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Councilors' Conference Room,
City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion and Possible Action Items
    a. Public Engagement/Input Session Design
    b. Respond to Request from Members of the Governing Body to Present to the Charter Review Commission.
6. Matters from Staff
7. Matters from the Commission
8. Matters from the Chair
9. Next Meeting: September 14, 2026

10. Adjourn

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Charter Review Commission was called to order on September 8, 2026, at 6:05 pm, by Lilliemae Ortiz, Chair, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Commissioner Brandon Vella
Commissioner Renee Villarreal, virtually
Commissioner John Paul Granillo
Commissioner Roberta Duran
Commissioner Rod Gould
Commissioner Pamela Ray, arrived later in the meeting
Commissioner Lilliemae Ortiz, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT
Commissioner Maria Perez, excused
Commissioner Kendal Chavez, excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Xavier Vigil, Assistant City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Granillo, seconded by Commissioner Gould, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Gould, yes; Commissioner Duran, yes; Commissioner Vella, yes; Commissioner Villarreal, yes; Commissioner John Paul Granillo, yes; Chair Ortiz, yes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Michael Garcia. Mayor Garcia said he had heard discussion around needing direction and clarity about what this body was supposed to work on. There are six items listed in the Resolution that he would like to be addressed and have recommendations made. His hope is that this Commission will address the six items in the Resolution first, then go on to other items that have been added. Time is of the essence. There is a formal process for the format of the recommendations that needs to be followed. Good luck.

Councilor Jamie Cassutt. Councilor Cassutt said thank you for your service. She is one of the primary sponsors of the Resolution. There are six pieces outlined that we want you to do a deep dive into and make recommendations to the Governing Body. She would like to hear what recommendations the Commission came to consensus on and the pros and cons of the different views of the six pieces along with the logic. Please ask us any questions you have as to the intent of the Resolution and what we are asking you to do.

Commissioner Ray arrived at the meeting.

Councilor Amanda Chavez. Councilor Chavez said she thinks the sponsors are willing to have dialogue with you around what we are looking for. There were many amendments and a lot of discussion around the Resolution. Please take advantage of discussion this with us for clarity.

Councilor Pilar Faulkner. Councilor Faulkner said her biggest concern is that the Commission does not have direction from the Council for this work. She asked to be on the agenda for your meeting to talk about that rather than speaking about it in public comment where there is no back and forth.

Councilor Alma Castro. Councilor Castro said she is a co-sponsor of the Resolution. In our hybrid model, it can be difficult moving forward and addressing hard decisions at the Governing Body meetings. She wants us, as government, to be more effective. It was our intent to look at the Governing Body and Mayor relationship. She hopes to have a more lengthy discussion at a later time.

Councilor Villarreal stated that she was having a hard time hearing the full conversations,

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/INPUT SESSION DESIGN

Chair Ortiz said we talked at our last meeting about a survey format and questions. Commissioner Duran has put together a draft survey for us to look at tonight.

Commissioner Duran said after the last meeting, where we talked about a survey, she wanted to have some starting points for the survey. She took the six points from the Resolution as a beginning. This is not formal, it is a beginning draft to ensure it gets us the information we need. The draft document is in your meeting packets.

Commissioner Vella said this is excellent. You did a great job in incorporating the Commission's feedback. He thinks we can talk about how we are going to use the survey results.

There was discussion around the survey intent and use, word-smithing, edits from Commissioner Gould, the length of the survey and the time line.

The Commission reviewed the draft survey and made comments along the way including word changes, word-smithing, removal and addictions of questions and/or optional answers.

At 7:39, the screen on YouTube changed to the City of Santa Fe logo and the dialogue stopped.

At 7:43, Councilor Villarreal only returned to the screen.

At 7:53, the full Commission returned to the screen and the Chair noted that they had taken a break.

Chair Ortiz said we will return to item 5A to discuss public engagement.

Councilor Villarreal noted that comments from Commissioner Perez and her outline for moving forward are included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Perez wanted to share her perspective. She is interested in how the Commission would like to structure the public input sessions going forward and when to hold them.

Chair Ortiz said there are two main issues here - Format and Timing. She would like the Commission to focus on the first issue first.

There was discussion regarding focusing on the Commission's draft recommendations now, then have the second round of public input sessions to see how the public feels about the recommendations; the lack of attendance at the sessions held to date and the original proposal where the second round of sessions was to be to focus on the six items in the Resolution.

THE YOUTUBE COVERAGE AND RECORDING ENDED AT 8:00 PM

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

This item was not on the YouTube recording.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

This item was not on the YouTube recording.

8. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

This item was not on the YouTube recording.

9. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

10. ADJOURN

The YouTube recording ended at 8:00 pm.

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Lilliemae Ortiz, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer