

# Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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## Johnston Charter Review Commission

### Minutes

**February 8, 2024**

at the

**Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919**

#### **I. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call**

Chairman DelFino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk, Vincent Baccari, Jr took a roll call

All members were present except for Ron Bianchi, and Arnold Vecchione

Also, present were: Allan Fung, Esq & Vincent P. Baccari, Jr, Town Clerk & Rober LaFazia,  
Chairman of the School Committee

a quorum was present

#### **II. New Business**

##### **Approval of the minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting**

Joseph Andriole made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting

The motion was seconded by Fred Iafrate

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Discussion of Article XIV entitled “Department of Public Welfare”**

Discussion ensued regarding deleting this article

Fred Iafrate made a motion to delete Article XIV

The motion was seconded by Susan Mansolillo

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Public Comment on Article XIV**

There were no comments from the public

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- **Discussion of Article XV entitled “School Department” (Votes may be taken)**

15-1 Taylor Russo suggested adding 4 more appointed members to the School Committee  
Lengthy discussion took place regarding having representation for more of the Town’s population that are not currently being represented by the School Committee

Chairman DeFino made a motion to add language to appoint 4 additional members to the School Committee, two of which will be appointed by the mayor and the other two will be appointed by the Town Council with staggered 4-year terms

The motion was seconded by Fred Iafrate

Motion carried by unanimous vote

15-2 A recommendation was made to remove “or of the state or federal government” and also “call or volunteer firemen”

15-3 No changes were requested

15-4 School Committee Chairman LaFazia noted for the record that the School Committee is not requesting an increase in stipend for its members

15-5-2 A recommendation was made to add the word “its” before the word “libraries”

15-5-7 A discussion ensued regarding the number of members required for the School Building Committee

15-5-8 A discussion ensued regarding changing the deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup> for the audit to mimic the language in the State Law

- **Public Comment on Article XV**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion regarding scheduling of future meetings and sections to be discussed**

The next meeting will take place on February 15, 2024 for the discussion of Article XVI- Personnel  
Future meetings are also scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> & February 29<sup>th</sup>

### III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Fred Iafrate to adjourn the meeting

The motion was seconded by Stephen Mandarelli

Motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.