

Advisory Board Review

BUDGET, GOVERNANCE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Advisory Boards for Committee Discussion

Referred to committee at the September 12, 2022 City Council Business Meeting:

Review Boards and Commissions

Assess and make recommendations specific to each of the boards and commissions and their continued purpose moving forward, or restructure, or disbandment.

Based on reviewing the overview, annual reports, and survey results provided for current boards and commissions, are there any that the Committee feel warrant further discussion as to the:

- Current role of the board/commission**
- Alignment to city services**
- Consideration of changes**

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Community Engagement & Advisory Boards

Advisory boards, committees, and commissions are established to increase community input and participation in City government. Some of the boards, committees and commissions exist to advise and/ or make recommendations on pertinent issues, policy-making and project development and implementation, while others have distinct regulatory responsibilities that are established by law.



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ALIGNED ADVISORY BOARDS

- Bechtler Arts Foundation Board (external)
- Charlotte Equitable Development Commission (City)
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation (external)
- Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees* (external, staffed by City)
- Mint Museum Board of Trustees (external)
- Privatization/Competition Advisory Committee (City)



* Regulatory and/or quasi-judicial functions

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Advisory Board Designations



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Primarily advisory and are directly under city control

- Charlotte Equitable Development Commission
- Privatization/ Competition Advisory Committee

Public (Autonomous)

Regulatory function

- Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees
- Mandated by NC General Statute*

Private/ External

- Bechtler Arts Foundation Board
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation
- Mint Museum Board of Trustees

Advisory Boards Housed in City



Charlotte Equitable Development Commission

The Commission is charged with advising in the assessment of infrastructure throughout the city and recommending strategies that balance equitable investments in areas most in need, including areas with absent and insufficient facilities, areas growing fastest, and areas targeted for growth. Sunset is September 2024.



Privatization/ Competition Advisory Committee

The Committee is charged with monitoring the progress of the City in implementing services contracting and asset management, recommending services and assets to be considered for competition and privatization, and advising on ways to improve current contracted services with service delivery problems.

Privatization/ Competition Advisory Committee Considerations

- The PCAC has traditionally served as an advisory group to City Council and the City Manager on matters regarding privatization and competition for various city services.
- The PCAC was established on November 22, 1993 by City Council and is charged with monitoring the progress of the city in implementing services contracting and asset management, recommending services and assets to be considered for competition and privatization, and advising on ways to improve current contracted services with service delivery problems.
- As city services have transformed over time, there has been a reduced need for on-going services to be provided by this standing committee.
- The focus of community engagement and outreach has evolved. Ad-hoc committees have been utilized recently as a method to address specific needs and issues as they arise.
- The ad-hoc committee/commission approach allows for the city to gain external review, feedback, and recommendations from specific subject matter expertise and allows for participation by those impacted directly by specific initiatives.

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Privatization/ Competition Advisory Committee Considerations

- In April 2022, Privatization Competition and Committee (PCAC) chair requested a review of the current charge and the city's needs for the committee.
- At the September 12, 2022 Council Business Meeting, after discussions with the PCAC chair, the former Budget and Governance Council Committee chair requested for there to be a vote scheduled at the September 26, 2022 Council Business Meeting to consider disbanding the PCAC.
- It was suggested to encourage the current PCAC members to apply to serve on other committees that fit their interests and/or expertise.
- Based on Council discussions and feedback at the meeting, a referral was made by the Mayor to each city council committee to review the boards/commissions aligned to the respective Council Committee.

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Discussion & Questions



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