

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

The City of Bright Opportunities



CHARTER REVIEW BOARD Agenda

**Thursday, February 5, 2026
6:30 PM**

*Commission Chambers
780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor
Opa-locka, FL 33054*

Board Members

Chair Sarah Allen

Vice Chair Veronica J. Williams

Board Member Naomie Brea

Board Member Brian Dennis

Board Member Yulissa El Hassan

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **INVOCATION:**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
5. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS:**
Request to add, change or delete items from the agenda
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Opa-locka Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes — January 8, 2026

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Please limit to no more than three (3) minutes
8. **DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS:**
 - A. **Opa-locka Charter Section 2.1.1 - Term Limits**
9. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**
Next Meeting Date — Thursday, March 5, 2026
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 2026
6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Sarah Allen called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor – Commission Chambers, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the Charter Review Board were present: Chair Sarah Allen; Board Member Yulissa El Hassan; and Board Member Naomie Brea. Also, in attendance were: Assistant City Attorney Samour Suckran and City Clerk Joanna Flores.

3. INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Board Member Brea.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

5. ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS

There were none.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Opa-locka Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2025

It was moved by Board Member Brea, seconded by Board Member El Hassan to approve the December 4, 2025 Opa-locka Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes.

There being no additional discussion, the motion to approve the minutes passed by a 3-0 vote.

Board Member Brea Yes
Board Member El Hassan Yes
Chair Allen Yes

7. PUBLIC INPUT:

Chair Allen opened public input.

Ms. Jannie Russell, 1210 Peri Street, addressed the Board and expressed support for the proposed Charter amendment related to elected officials' salaries and benefits. Ms. Russell stated that the proposed increase could be higher and requested clarification regarding Charter language addressing term limits for the Mayor and Commissioners, noting confusion among residents regarding eligibility to return to office after serving terms.

Chair Allen acknowledged the comments, confirmed that the question related to term limits, and thanked Ms. Russell for the public input.

Chair Allen closed public input.

8. ACTION OF BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS:

Chair Allen stated that the City Attorney's Office had prepared two draft Charter amendment options based on the Board's prior direction and opened the item for discussion.

Board Member El Hassan supported the draft options.

Chair Allen stated that presenting two separate ballot options—one addressing salary only and one addressing salary with health insurance—provided clarity for voters and allowed residents to make an informed decision. She emphasized the importance of transparency and clear communication regarding how compensation and benefits would be structured.

Board Member Brea stated support for the proposed increase and commented that the draft language was clear and appropriate for ballot presentation.

Board Member Brea and Chair Allen both emphasized that voters should clearly understand the information. City Clerk Flores confirmed the information was available to the public on the City Clerk's website.

Board Member El Hassan asked clarifying questions regarding whether health insurance was considered part of total compensation and how the deduction would be applied. City Clerk Flores and Assistant City Attorney Suckran confirmed that health insurance was included within the compensation framework and that the draft language accurately reflected the Board's prior intent.

Chair Allen asked staff to clarify the anticipated ballot timeline should the Charter Review Board forward both amendment options to the City Commission.

City Clerk Flores explained that placement on the ballot would be dependent on City Commission action, statutory deadlines, and coordination with the Supervisor of Elections. She noted that recommendations approved by the Board would need to be transmitted to the City Commission in sufficient time to meet ballot qualification deadlines.

Following discussion, the Board reached unanimous consensus to recommend both proposed Charter amendment options as presented to the City Commission for consideration and potential placement on a future ballot.

The Board discussed the timeline for transmitting its recommendations to the City Commission. City Clerk Flores advised that the recommendations would be forwarded through a written report and could also be presented verbally during the Official Board Reports portion of a City Commission meeting.

Chair Allen, Board Member El Hassan, and Board Member Brea all agreed to attend the January 14, 2026, City Commission meeting to present the recommendations.

Board members requested that term limits for elected officials be included as a discussion item on a future Charter Review Board agenda.

**9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:
Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM.**

Chair Allen announced the next Charter Review Board meeting would be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Charter Review Board, it was moved by Board Member Brea, seconded by Board Member El Hassan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.

ATTEST:

Sarah Allen, Chairwoman

Joanna Flores, Board Clerk

[Minutes prepared by T. Baclawski, Prototype-Inc.]

**City of Opa-locka
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Sec. 2.1.1. Term limits.

- (a) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to the office of mayor or city commissioner of the City of Opa-locka if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served (or, except for resignation, suspension, or removal, would have served) in office for eight (8) consecutive years.
- (b) For purposes of this section, service as a city commissioner shall include any service on the city commission, regardless of whether the seats are specifically designated, and regardless of whether a city commissioner seeks to run for re-election to the city commission from another designated seat.
- (c) The limitation on appearing on the ballot set forth in subparagraph "(a)," relating to eight (8) consecutive years, shall not be extended by switching from mayor to commissioner, or vice versa, or by running for different positions on the city commission, including mayor.
- (d) If approved by the voters, this amendment shall take effect as of the November 2014 elections, and elected service prior to November 2014, shall be measured retroactively from the elected official's first consecutive election as an elected official of the City of Opa-locka.

(Res. No. 14-8826, § 2, 7-23-2014)