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**Iowa Colony
Charter Commission
Minutes of Meeting
September 23, 2019**

1. Call the Roll and introduction of members.

The Iowa Colony Charter Commission met in its inaugural meeting with all members present except Brenda Dillon, Bryan Owen, and Marge Madariaga. Each member and all staff and consultants introduced themselves.

2. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the general public.

3. Discussion of required Open Meetings and Open Records Acts training.

Larry Boyd, City Attorney gave an overview of the Open Meets and Open Records Acts and requirements. All members will be completing their required training through the Attorney General of Texas website, if they have not already.

4. Discussion of General Law and Home Rule governance processes.

Ron Cox, contract City Manager, and Larry Boyd reviewed the differences between General Law cities and Home Rule cities and their experiences with both. The Commission members asked various questions.

5. Discussion of typical contents of Home Rule Charters.

Ron Cox reviewed the table of contents of a typical Home Rule Charter. The Commission members asked various questions.

6. Discussion of process for development and approval of Home Rule Charter.

The Commission generally decided to begin the process by addressing the more foundational issues for a home rule city. Once those are agreed upon, the group will address other issues on a section by section basis, using an existing Charter from another city as a template. The first two foundational issues will be the Form

of Government and the election and requirements for Mayor and City Council positions.

7. Discussion and possible action to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.

The Commission elected Sydney Hargroder as Chair of the Commission. The Commission elected Steven Byrum-Bratsen as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The Commission elected Rebecca Hester as Secretary of the Commission.

8. Discussion and possible action to set a meeting schedule and timetable for completing the draft of the Home Rule Charter.

The Commission decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8.

The Commission decided that eight (8) members of the Commission will constitute a quorum of members in order to conduct business.

Minutes of the meeting were passed and approved this 8th day of October 2019.


Rebecca Hester, Commission Secretary