

# Minutes

## Legislative Subcommittee of the Government Relations Committee March 19, 2012

Chair: Government Relations Committee, Ellen Polivy  
**Chair: Legislative subcommittee, Ashton Barfield**

Meeting was chaired by Ashton Barfield. Subcommittee members present: Dave Evans, Vicki Feinmel, Linda Heimer, Sherie Helstien, Matt Katz, Mark Lyon, Ellen Polivy  
Advisors present: Dick Lutz, Howard Polivy  
Subcommittee members absent but included in follow-up communications: Trevre Andrews, Dottie Jeffries, Jerry Lombardi

**Goals:** Update and upgrade the current law governing RIOC  
Develop a list of what we want in the law for direct election of residents  
Modify the expiration dates for two of the Board terms  
Send materials to Assembly Member Micah Kellner and Senator Jose Serrano for discussion with them

**Actions taken at meeting:** We looked at the 2011 bill that proposed updates and upgrades to the current law, and did a final review of the modifications that the subcommittee proposed last year. We also reviewed last year's wish list of elements for direct election of residents, and had a final discussion of term modifications. After approval by the Common Council, we will present our final draft documents to Kellner and Serrano for discussion with them, and as working documents for them in their efforts to help the Island. **The sooner we can get the documents to the elected officials, the faster they can use them in their legislative efforts.**

### RESOLUTION REGARDING RIOC LEGISLATION AND RIOC BOARD

**Whereas,** the current version of the law governing RIOC has aspects that are outdated and/or inadequate; and

**Whereas,** Assembly Member Micah Kellner has requested a list of the elements that residents would want, in the RIOC law, mandating direct election of residents for the seven public Board seats; and

**Whereas,** the expiration dates of two of the Board terms are not suitably aligned for even-year-November resident elections; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** that the legislative subcommittee of the Government Relations Committee recommends to the RIRA Common Council language, previously shared with the Council, that will address the issues raised in this Resolution: to update and upgrade the current law, modify two Board term expirations, and legislate direct election of residents for the seven public Board seats. Further, that the will of the RIRA Common Council, as expressed in this Resolution and its supporting documents, will be shared with Assembly Member Micah Kellner and Senator Jose Serrano for their assistance in amending the existing RIOC legislation and the expiration dates of two Board terms.