



Municipal Autonomy & Effective Local Governance Program Advisory Body Meeting #1

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 26, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Committee Room #2, 2nd floor, Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. W, Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Attendees:

Gabriel Eidelman
Bruce Ryder
Patricia Wood
Zain Kurram
Nick Vlahos
Kowmitha Satkunarajan
Bashir Kamugo
Nicole Grijalva
Tim Grant
David Del Grande

Guests:

Councillor Diane Saxe
Jasmine Attfield, Chief of
Staff to Councillor Matlow

City Manager's Office staff:

Sonali Chakraborti, Sr Consultant
Brendan Nolan, Consultant
Subashna Moktan, Research Associate
James Lapierre, Deputy Chief of Staff

Regrets:

(Elizabeth) Grace Alexander
Oksana Ermolenko

1. Introductions

- Roundtable introductions including guests

2. Terms of Reference review

- Presentation from the City Manager's Office

3. Election of Co-Chairs

- David Del Grande and Bruce Ryder elected as Co-Chairs



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4. Overview of City Charters

- Presentation by David Del Grande on behalf of Charter City Toronto

5. Priorities/Work Plan Development

Discuss focus of report and possible committee tasks/work pathways leading to the report such as research, community and intergovernmental engagement, communications, purpose, financial tools, governance tools, authorities

- Discuss pathways as a frame for the final report as well as other options

6. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- One meeting a month to be scheduled between Jan and April 2026 and an additional meeting as required, to be held at City Hall with a virtual option.

Action: City Manager's office to confirm space availability for dates based on availability responses to member survey and Co-Chair input.

- An additional ad-hoc online meeting in December may be convened by the Co-Chairs

Action: Co-Chairs to communicate next steps and meetings to members