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9:22 am, Dec 18, 2023

Charter Review Committee Meeting

Monday, December 18

7 PM Blumer Room

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When: Dec 18, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Charter Review Committee 12.18.23

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- IV. **Approval of [Minutes from 12/6](#)** **8:45- 8:50**
- V. **Adjournment** **8:50**

Supporting Documents:

- **New- [Memo to board](#)** about possible Charter Changes (12/15)
- **[Comparison of City Structures](#)** in MA (2020) This document was prepared by the Collins Center in 2020 for Watertown; it shows the typical Council/ School Committee size and term length across cities in Massachusetts.
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