

**Hopkins Charter Commission
Annual Report
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The Hopkins Charter Commission met on April 29.

Commission members included:

Jannina Aristy
Dorothy Boen
David Day
Liz Dorn
Roger Gross
Fran Hesch
Karen Jensen
Roger Johnson
Steve Lewis
Jerre Miller
Emily Wallace-Jackson

Commissioner Wallace-Jackson was elected Chair and Commissioner Jensen was elected Vice-Chair.

The Commission discussed Instant Runoff Elections

The City Clerk gave a brief summary of the Legislative and Rules Committee of the Ranked Choice Voting Issues Group, which completed the task of developing proposed rules for IRV. The Group submitted draft legislation to the House and Senate election committees.

Commissioner Hesch reviewed the work of the Ranked Choice Voting Issues Group, Technical Advisory Committee's work and hearings that were held regarding RCV. Commissioner Hesch related the difficulty of convincing the Committee to allow Cities with multiple seat elections to choose other Ranked Choice methods for their ballots.

In response to the Commission's request for information at the last meeting, the City Clerk reported that of the 854 cities in Minnesota, approximately 788 of those cities elect members of their councils at large with multiple seat elections.

The consensus of the Charter Commission was to continue to research ways to use Ranked Choice or Instant Runoff Voting in elections where there are multiple candidates running for multiple seats, as the case would be with the Hopkins City Council.