

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	April 3, 2023
Action Required:	Consider recommendations
Presenter:	UVA School of Law - State and Local Government Policy Clinic (Madison Clark, McKayla Riter, Andy Block)
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Title:	UVA Law review for City Boards and Commissions

Background

At the request of Mayor Lloyd Snook, the UVA School of Law State and Local Government Clinic accepted a project to review ways to improve the organization and management of City of Charlottesville boards and commissions. The original request was that the Clinic look into how these processes could be improved by making changes to board and commission by-laws.

Discussion

After researching board and commission, the Clinic became aware of other concerns that they believe must be addressed in order to make meaningful change. The attached memo seeks to provide recommendations on how to address some central problems contributing to the lack of board and commission consistency and efficiency. It will begin by providing an overview of the current legal and policy structure governing Charlottesville's boards and commissions. Next, the memo will discuss the gaps in the existing framework and outline a model approach taken by the City of Hampton. It then suggests which issues the City should consider addressing and outlines the different legal methods that can be used to achieve these goals, noting the relative strengths and weaknesses of each approach. Finally, the memo concludes with suggestions for further research.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

Budgetary Impact

Recommendation

Recommendations listed in attachment

Alternatives

Attachments

1. C'ville Boards Commissions Memo