

CITIZENS LEAGUE REPORT

No. 73

**Proposed Amendment #15 to
Minneapolis City Charter**

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February 22, 1957

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Forms and Structure Committee, Stan Platt, chairman
SUBJECT: Proposed amendment No. 15 to Minneapolis City Charter

At its February 14 meeting, the Charter Commission formally approved for submission at the April 30 primary election an amendment to change the requirements for calling special meetings of the Minneapolis Board of Education.

Present language

Chapter 18, Sec 5, paragraph 2:

"The regular meetings of the board shall be fixed by rules and by-laws. Special meetings may be called by the president for (or) any two (2) school directors by written notice, stating the time, place, and object of the meeting, to be served personally or by mail at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting. But whenever a majority of all the directors are present at any meeting, the same shall be a legal meeting at which any business which would come before a regular meeting may be transacted, irrespective of whether there was any notice given for such meeting or not."

Proposed language

"The regular meetings of the board shall be fixed by rules and by laws. Special meetings may be called by the president or any two (2) school directors by written notice stating the time, place and object of the meeting, to be served personally or by mail, at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting."

Intended Effect

To eliminate the possibility of any four of the seven School Board members' conducting a legal Board meeting without first giving due notice to the other three.

Also to remove the mystery of the present language, "for (or) any two".

Recommendation of Forms and Structure Committee

The Forms and Structure Committee resolved at its February 22 meeting that, while it is in sympathy with the objective of the amendment, it recommends disapproval of the amendment by the Board of Directors because of the uncertainty of the language as to (1) adequate time of notice, (2) provision for notifying all members.

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At its meeting of March 6, 1957, the Board of Directors voted to endorse adoption of proposed amendment number 15.