

Summary of Harrington & Fraser Proposals for Advisory Committees
Task Force on Streamlining Commissions
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Category	Fraser Proposal	Harrington Proposal
Why have Advisory Committees?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOS, Mayor, or staff identify the need for expert advice on a specific issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department, BOS or Mayor determines a department or BOS needs expert advice, but Board codifies committee. • Mayor or Dept head can also create Advisory Committees for themselves, but would not be codified or under our jurisdiction.
Required Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specific issue identified in the founding document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could address a specific issue or be a standing advisory committee
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice to the entity that created the Advisory Committee on the specific issue for a limited time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice to the entity named in the founding document
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept advisory committees created only by Mayor or Dept head -- treated as "passive meetings" only under Sunshine Ordinance • BOS advisory committees only created by BOS • Automatic sunset of all advisory committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept advisory committees can be codified by BOS for any City entity; BOS decides who has appointing authority. * Dept heads can create Advisory Committees for themselves; they have appointing authority and these would not be under our jurisdiction.