

**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF GROUP: Charter Revision Commission

DATE: July 16, 2018

TIME: 4:35 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Futerfas, Tom Kadgen, Don Gregorius, Ron Lapp, Albert Cook, Dare Thompson, Gary Bischoff, John Quigley, Fred Mayo, Gerald Benjamin and Laurel Sweeney

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Mark Longtoe, Esq., County Attorney
Kristin A. Gumaer, Esq., Assistant County Attorney

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

Chairman Futerfas called the meeting to order at 4:35.

2. Minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting:

Chairman Futerfas asked what the pleasure of the Commission was regarding approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Bischoff made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Mayo seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

Motion carried

Laurel Sweeney enters the meeting at 4:40.

3. Old Business:

None.

4. New Business:

Chairman Futerfas asked whether the group would like to put information about the Commission's work out to the public. He inquired whether the Commission would like to send a letter to the public as a group, referencing a draft that Commissioner Kadgen prepared and sent to the members for comment, or whether the members would rather prepare individual letters. He would like the decision to be unanimous.

Discussion was had.

Language for a letter on behalf of the entire Commission was finalized.
The Commission voted on whether to adopt the letter from the Commission.
All were in favor.

Chairman Futerfas inquired as to how to get the letter to the public.
Discussion was had and suggestions offered. No decision was made.

Chairman Futerfas called the question to adopt revisions that the Commission made to the Ulster County Charter.

Commissioner Mayo moved to adopt all revisions made by the Commission.

Commissioner Benjamin seconded.

Chairman Futerfas called the question to adopt all revisions made by the Commission.

Roll call vote. All vote in favor.

Chairman Futerfas makes a motion to send the revisions directly to the Board of Elections for placement on the ballot at the general election.

Roll call vote. All vote in favor.

The Commission examined and discussed options for the wording of the question to be placed on the ballot for an answer by the public.

Discussion was had about how many ballot questions might appear on the 2018 general election ballot.

Chairman Futerfas asked Commissioner Bischoff to read the sample letters to the editor he had drafted to inform the public about the work of the Commission.

Language for the Ballot Question is finalized in written form and read aloud by Chairman Futerfas.

Commissioner Quigley moved to adopt this language.

Commissioner Mayo seconded.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding when the letters should go out to the public, and Chairman Futerfas will send out names and addresses of various publications.

Resolution was read to the entire group for approval, and passed around for signature.

Discussion was had regarding how, if approved, the changes to the Charter are actually put into the document.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to adjourn

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned 5:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin A. Gumaer
Ulster County Attorney's Office