
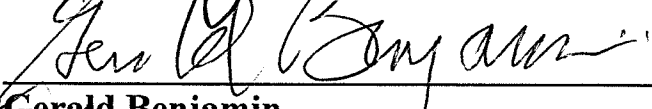
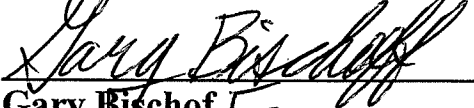


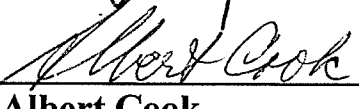
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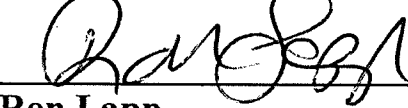
Meeting Minute Date: March 26, 2018


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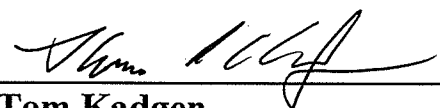

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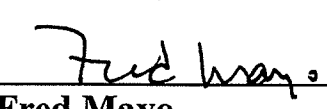

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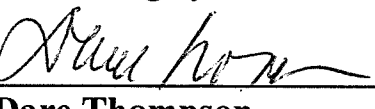

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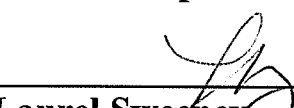

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Dare Thompson 5/14/18
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Laurel Sweeney 5-14-18
Date

**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF GROUP: Charter Revision Commission

DATE: March 26, 2018

TIME: 4:30 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Futerfas, Tom Kadgen, Don Gregorius, Dare Thompson, Gerald Benjamin, Gary Bischoff and Albert Cook

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Laurel Sweeney, Ron Lapp, John Quigley, and Fred Mayo

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beatrice Havranek, Esq., Ulster County Attorney
Kristin Gumaer, Esq., Assistant Ulster County Attorney
Eric Stock, Paralegal, Ulster County Attorney's Office

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

Chairman Futerfas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

2. Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Meeting:

Chairman Futerfas asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Kadgen seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

3. Old Business:

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to the redline draft of the Commission's changes to Section C-10 of the Charter.

Chairman Futerfas reviewed the changes with the Commission.

Chairman Futerfas asked the County Attorney's Office if it would begin charting the years contained in Section C-10.

County Attorney Havranek agreed.

4. New Business:

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 F (3).

The Commission reviewed the section and agreed no changes were necessary.

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 F (4).

The Commission reviewed the section.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners what their thoughts were on revising the section.

Commissioners Benjamin and Kadgen told the Commission that they did not want the Redistricting Commission's plan to be subject to a referendum.

The Commission discussed if the Redistricting Commission's plan should be final upon adoption by the Redistricting Commission or if it should go to referendum.

Discussion was had.

Commissioner Futerfas asked the Commission if there was a consensus that the plan developed by the Redistricting Commission be final.

All members present supported revising the Charter to add language stating that the district map created by the Redistricting commission would be final, and its approval would not be dependent on a referendum.

The Commission requested the section be amended to place a period after "1" on line three, and deleted the remainder of the section be deleted.

The Commission discussed the process for taking their changes to the Charter directly to the ballot.

County Attorney Havranek walked the Commission through the process of putting a referendum on the ballot. The discussion included the need for the Commission to submit its changes to the Board of Elections prior to dissolving and that it would have to develop and abstract of its revisions to go on the ballot. If the Commission puts its revisions directly on the ballot, it will remain in effect until the day after Election Day.

Commissioners Thompson, Kadgen and Benjamin asked the County Attorney for a calendar of activities if the Commission were to take their changes straight to the ballot.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of being on the ballot in 2018 vs 2019.

Commissioner Bischoff expressed his desire for 2018 and believed it was good to keep the momentum up.

Commissioner Benjamin noted that there is a need for a majority vote in both the City of Kingston and in the County in order for the referendum to pass.

Commissioner Kadgen asked Paralegal Stock to find out the deadline for submitting a referendum to the Board of Elections for the 2018 general election.

Chairman Futerfas asked if there was a consensus among the Commissioners present at the meeting to go to the ballot at the 2018 election.

There was consensus among the Commissioners to go to the ballot in 2018.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission and the County Attorney's Office to look at what language can be deleted from the remainder of Section C-10 after the removal of the referendum.

5. Public Comment

No public comment

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock
Ulster County Attorney's Office