
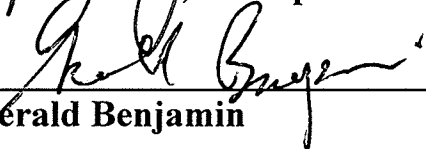


# CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVAL

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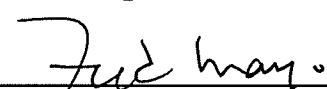
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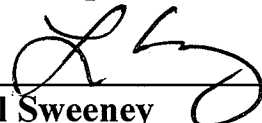
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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF GROUP:** Charter Revision Commission

**DATE:** January 8, 2018

**TIME:** 3:30 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rod Futerfas, Tom Kadgen, Gary Bischoff, Don Gregorius, Dare Thompson, John Quigley, Fred Mayo, Ron Lapp, and Albert Cook (arrived 4:00PM)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Gerald Benjamin, Laurel Sweeney

**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 3:30 PM

**2. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Meeting:**

Chairman Futerfas asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Gregorius seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

Commissioners Futerfas, Kadgen, Bischoff, Gregorius, Thompson were in favor.

Commissioners Quigley and Mayo abstained.

Motion does not carry.

**3. Introduction of Commissioner Lapp**

Chairman Futerfas welcomed Commissioner Lapp who is replacing Commissioner Dener. Chairman Futerfas asked Commissioner Lapp to introduce himself to the Commission. Commissioner Lapp gave a brief introduction.

#### 4. Old Business:

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners what their pleasure is on accepting the changes to section C-10 discussed at the last meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to accept the changes.

Commissioner Gregorius seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners for their input on setting a regularly scheduled meeting time.

A brief discussion was had.

The Commission agreed to meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Chairman Futerfas asked County Attorney Havranek to discuss the possibility of Commissioners attending meetings via video conference.

County Attorney Havranek asked Assistant County Attorney Gumaer to present her research on attending meetings via video conference. Assistant County Attorney Gumaer informed the Commission that video conferencing is allowable.

A brief discussion was had.

Commissioner Mayo made a motion to disallow the use of video conferencing as means for Commissioners to attend Charter Revision Commission meetings.

Commissioner Kadgen seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Motion carried

## 5. New Business:

Chairman Futerfas recognized Commissioner Bischoff and asked him to present his flowchart. Commissioner Bischoff began presenting his flowchart on the prior redistricting process.

Commissioner Cook arrived (4:00 PM)

Commissioner Bischoff continued his presentation. Commissioner Bischoff requested Paralegal Stock clean up the flowchart by putting it into an electronic format.

Commissioner Kadgen requested Paralegal stock provide the Commissioners with copies of the flowchart at the next meeting.

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 A, beginning with the requirement that potential Redistricting Commissioners be separated by the identified activities or employment by three years.

A brief discussion was had.

Commissioner Kadgen felt it should be changed to five years.

Commissioner Bischoff cautioned it may limit the pool of potential Commissioners.

Chairman Futerfas requested the Commission move on to look at those who are excluded from the pool. He noted that the Commission would come back to the number of years and that both sections directly affect the size of the pool.

The Commission discussed the disqualifiers for the pool. There was concern over reducing the potential pool too drastically.

Commissioner Bischoff asked if anyone had a record of how many people made up the pool in 2002.

Assistant County Attorney Gumaer told the Commission the pool consisted of ninety-two people.

Commissioner Quigley asked if the County still had the letters from the 2002 pool. County Attorney Havranek said she would look into it.

Discussion regarding disqualifying characteristics continued. The Commission discussed what defines a Public Officer and the inclusion of employees of school districts and State colleges.

County Attorney Havranek provided the Commission with a copy of her opinion on Public Officers which she prepared for the prior Charter Revision Commission.

Chairman Futerfas felt the definition of Public Officer may be too broad and should be narrowed.

Commissioner Quigley suggested changing Public Officer to Elected Official.

A brief discussion was had.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners to think about this potential change and to also think about volunteers.

Commissioner Mayo asked County Attorney to look back at her opinion and confirm if there have been any changes since it was written that would affect it.

County Attorney Havranek confirmed she would do this.

**6. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**7. Adjournment**

Commissioner Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock  
Ulster County Attorney's Office