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Legislature Takes First Steps to Improve Government Function Chairman Announces Appointments to Charter Revision Commission

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, Frederick J. Wadnola, has announced the Legislative appointments to the Charter Revision Commission. "I am pleased to announce the following appointments, and I am confident in our choices. These are intelligent, respected individuals who have provided dedicated service to their communities," said Chairman Wadnola.

The Majority Party has selected Michael E. Catalinotto Sr. of Saugerties; Fawn Tantillo of New Paltz; and Leif Spencer of Walkkill.

The Minority Party has selected Joan Lawrence Bauer of Big Indian; Thomas M. Rocco, Ph.D., of New Paltz; and James M. McGarry of Ruby.

The Ulster County Charter, adopted in 2006, states that within 5 years after its enactment, a Charter Revision Commission shall be appointed to review and make recommendations to the County Executive and Legislature on amendments, additions or revisions to the County Charter. Commissioners are selected from various areas, reflecting the demographic diversity of the County. Three members of the 11 member Charter Revision Commission are appointed by the Legislative Majority, three by the Legislative Minority, and five are appointed by the County Executive.

The Legislative appointments have been forwarded to the County Executive's Office. It is now the County Executive's responsibility to make appointments to complete the Commission and convene the Commission's first meeting.

"The people of Ulster County voted for the Charter form of government, and again they will have an opportunity to have their voices and opinions heard," said Chairman Wadnola. "A process of transparency will be essential while fine tuning the work that has already been done."