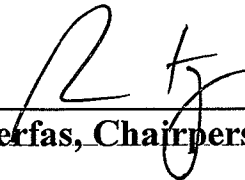


# CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVAL

Meeting Minute Date: 1/22/2018

  
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**Gerald Benjamin**


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**Gary Bischof**


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**Albert Cook**

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**Ron Lapp**

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**Don Gregorius**

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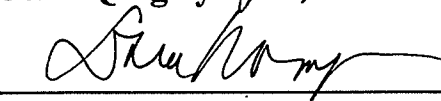
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**Dare Thompson**

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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF GROUP:** Charter Revision Commission

**DATE:** January 22, 2018

**TIME:** 4:00 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, Albert Cook, Laurel Sweeney, and Gerald Benjamin (arrived 4:10)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Gary Bischoff

**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 4:00 PM

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

Chairman Futerfas informed the Commission it would need to vote to approve the 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 Mayo seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

Chairman Futerfas discussed Commissioner Benjamin's request for a revision to the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting.

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

Commissioner Sweeny made a motion to approve the minutes as amended

Commissioner Mayo seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

### 3. Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Meeting:

Chairman Futerfas asked the pleasure of the Commission with regard to approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

### 4. Old Business:

Chairman Futerfas asked County Attorney Havranek for any updates to the opinion on Public Officers she had rendered to the prior Commission.

County Attorney Havranek informed the Commission that there were no updates to her opinion rendered to the prior Commission. She added that her office looked into which Public Officer titles were held by those excluded from the redistricting process last time.

A brief discussion was had.

Assistant County Attorney Gumaer presented the various Public Officer titles held by applicants to the prior Redistricting Commission which resulted in their exclusion. Assistant County Attorney Gumaer also explained the Redistricting Commission applicant pool process.

(Commissioner Benjamin arrived 4:10 PM.)

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission to solidify its meeting times.

The Commission agreed to continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 4:30 PM to 6:00 Pm instead of 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

**5. New Business:**

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

Commissioner Quigley recommended increasing the number of years of separation between said activities/employment and service on Commission to five.

A brief discussion was had.

Commissioner Benjamin expressed his concern about limiting the pool because of the Suffolk County experience.

Commissioner Mayo recommended staying with the three year requirement.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission if it was okay with staying with the three year requirement.

The Commission agreed to keep the three year requirement.

Chairman Futerfas read to the Commission language submitted by Commissioner Bischoff related to the Public Officer titles being allowed to serve on the Redistricting Commission. Exemptions included non-elected volunteers and State University of New York employees.

Discussion was had regarding the use of the term Public Officers vs Elected Officials and whether or not to establish eligibility through the inclusion or exclusion of titles conflicting with the Redistricting Commissions mission.

Chairman Futerfas noted there were 151 applicants for the last Redistricting Commission.

Commissioner Sweeney added that sixty of them were eliminated as a result of the requirements.

Chairman Futerfas told the Commission he felt it should be looking for the most neutral and non-political people possible.

Commissioner Benjamin explained the intent of the original drafting was to exclude those who were overtly political. He further explained that the goal was to find a balance.

Discussion continued.

Commissioner Benjamin suggested creating a general rule for those who are precluded from serving on the commission with a list of exceptions to that rule.

Commissioner Quigley suggested if a rule was going to be created, the term "Elected Officials" should be used instead of "Public Officer."

Chairman Futerfas noted the Commission already agreed to the change to the term "Elected Officials."

Discussion continued. A recommendation was made to exempt police officers.

Commissioner Lapp informed the Commission that most police department policies would preclude their officers from serving on this type of commission.

## 6. Public Comment

Chairman Futerfas recognized County Legislator Joseph Maloney.

Legislator Maloney told the Commission he does not believe in broadening the pool of potential Redistricting Commissioners to avoid the possibility of letting connected people in.

## 7. Adjournment

Commissioner Mayo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock  
Ulster County Attorney's Office.