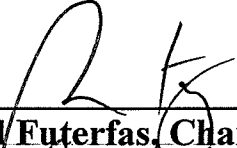



**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES  
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Meeting Minute Date: 2/26/2018

  
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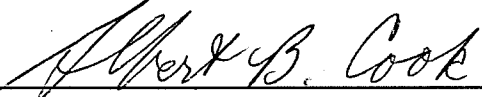
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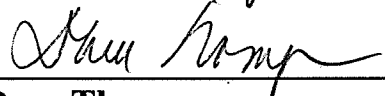

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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF GROUP:** Charter Revision Commission

**DATE:** February 26, 2018

**TIME:** 4:30 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, Gerald Benjamin, Ron Lapp and Albert Cook

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Laurel Sweeney, 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

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**1. Call the Meeting to Order:**

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

**2. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Meeting:**

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

Commissioner Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes

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Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

**3. Old Business:**

Chairman Futerfas requested Paralegal Stock review his chart which shows the timeline for seating the Redistricting Commission using the dates currently contained in the Charter.

Paralegal Stock reviewed the chart as requested.

Commissioner Futerfas then reviewed with the Commission a redline draft of its revisions to section C-10 thus far.

#### 4. New Business:

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 D (2).

Chairman Futerfas asked how timing for seating the Redistricting commission would work if there was a deadlock in picking the members.

Commissioner Benjamin explained that the process ensures you don't have deadlock. He noted the requirement at the end of the process for picking members from a hat. In addition, he explained that California's process is pretty close to picking from a hat.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission if it saw a need for revision to section D (2).

The Commission saw no need for revision.

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

The Commission saw no need for revision.

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

Commissioner Thompson asked if those picking the redistricting Commissioners ensure varying areas of the County are represented.

Discussion was had regarding various revisions to the language to ensure the Redistricting Commissions demographic and geographic diversity.

In an attempt to ensure demographic and geographic diversity the Commission agreed to further revise the last sentence of C-10 A to read as follows: "This Commission shall consist of seven members who are County residents, are registered to vote in Ulster County, represent the geographic and demographic diversity of Ulster County and are not currently, nor have been....."

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 E

The Commission moved on to discuss the process for electing a Chairperson of the Redistricting Commission.

The Commission requested adding a Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thompson explained the last Redistricting Commission had an issue with having one Chairperson. She informed the Commission that the last Redistricting Commission rotated which member was the Chair.

Commissioner Benjamin suggested rotating the Chair position alphabetically unless the seat is declined by a Commissioner.

Commissioner Mayo felt that having a rotating Chair would be hard.

Discussion was had.

The Commission also discussed methods for electing a Chair and removing a Chair.

Commissioner Gregorius suggested removal of the Chair by Supermajority.

Commissioner Benjamin suggested adding language to appoint someone to preside over the meeting where the Chair is elected.

A brief discussion was had.

The Commission discussed how the Charter Revision Commission's first meeting was called and presided over by the County Executive and until election of a Chair, at which point the meeting was turned over. The Commission agreed this same process could be used for the Redistricting Commission.

The Commission requested the County Attorney's Office draft sample language for the selection and removal of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Redistricting Commission.

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to section C-10 F (1).

The Commission discussed the intent of the language of this section.

Commissioner Mayo asked if the Commission is tasked with developing a plan to divide or if they are dividing the County into new districts.

County attorney Havranek discussed the mechanism that is used in the New York City model.

A brief discussion was had.

The Commission agreed to revise the language to state that the Commission shall divide the County into districts rather than prepare a plan to divide the County.

The Commission briefly discussed how the prison population would be counted.

County Attorney explained that as of now inmates are counted where they are housed.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission to start looking at section F (2) for discussion at the next meeting on March 12, 2018.

**5. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Gregorius 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 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Stock  
Ulster County Attorney's Office