

**Ulster County Charter Revision Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: January 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Location: Ulster County Legislative Chambers
244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Kingston, New York 12401

Present: Kathleen Mihm (Chairperson)
David Donaldson*
Thomas Kadgen**
Scott McCarthy
D. Mici Simonofsky
Brian Woltman
LeShawn Parker
Shannon Harris

** via videoconference with a physical address of 1250 Penbrook Club Dr.,
Venice, FL 34285*

*** via videoconference due to extraordinary circumstances pursuant to
NYS Public Officers Law §103-A and Ulster County Local Law No. 8 of
2022*

Absent Frank Cardinale
Hector Rodriguez

Quorum: Yes

Other Attendees: Mike Baden, Supervisor, Town of Rochester
Rokosz Most, Hudson Valley One
Fawn Tantillo, Senior Legislative Staff
March Gallagher, Ulster County Comptroller
Alicia DeMarco, Deputy Comptroller
Kristin Gumaer, First Assistant County Attorney
Dante De Leo, Assistant County Attorney

Chairperson Mihm called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by: Commission Member Brian Woltman

Seconded by: Commission Member Scott McCarthy

Discussion: None.

Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker, Harris

Voting against: None

Disposition: **Motion No. 1 passed 8-0.**

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Add Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack’s Proposed Revision to Article XXXI, Section C-103, as Set Forth in the Letter Dated December 28, 2022, to the Charter Redline**

Motion made by: Commission Member David Donaldson

Seconded by: Commission Member Brian Woltman

Discussion: None.

Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker, Harris

Voting against: None

Disposition: **Motion No. 2 passed 8-0.**

Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher and Deputy Comptroller Alicia DeMarco took the floor to discuss Agenda Item No. 5, regarding the Charter’s treatment of bank reconciliations, as well as previously proposed revisions.

Commission Members discussed the definition of “departmental estimates” in Section C-6. Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher advised the Commission that her office will be submitting a proposal to the Commission.

Commission Members discussed Section C-5 of the Charter in relation to the Commission’s powers and dissolution.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Add Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher’s Proposed Revision to Section C-57(B), as Set Forth in her Memorandum dated October 4, 2022, to the Charter Redline

Motion made by: Commission Member Thomas Kadgen
Seconded by: Commission Member D. Mici Simonofsky
Discussion: None.
Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker, Harris
Voting against: None
Disposition: Motion No. 3 passed 8-0.

Commission Members discussed proposed changes to Sections C-1 through C-11 of the Charter.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Approve Proposed Revision to Section C-5 (B) of the Charter Mandating Appointment of a Charter Revision Commission on Years Ending with “5” and “0” Commencing with the Year 2030

Motion made by: Commission Member Thomas Kadgen
Seconded by: Commission Member Scott McCarthy
Discussion: None.
Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker, Harris
Voting against: None
Disposition: Motion No. 4 passed 8-0.

Commission Member Shannon Harris left the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Chair Mihm recognized Town of Rochester Supervisor Mike Baden, who spoke in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Ulster County Planning Board about his intent to bring proposed revisions to a future meeting.

Chair Mihm recognized Senior Legislative Staff Fawn Tantillo, who took the floor to remind the Commission that a Charter Revision Commission met and put changes to the ballot in 2012.

Commission Members discussed Section C-10 (E) regarding the election/rotation of a Chairperson for the Commission on Reapportionment. Chair Mihm recognized Fawn Tantillo who took the floor to inform the Commission that the last Reapportionment Commission rotated Chairpersons each meeting through each member and then elected a Chair.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Approve the Proposed Revision to Section C-11(O) of the Charter Increasing the Amount set forth therein from \$50,000 to \$100, 000

Motion made by: Commission Member Scott McCarthy

Seconded by: Commission Member Brian Woltman

Discussion: Commission Member David Donaldson spoke in support of the proposed revision as a time-saving measure and because the Legislature has other safeguards in place. Commission Member Thomas Kadgen suggested striking the entire subsection.

Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker

Voting against: None

Disposition: Motion No. 5 passed 7-0.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion made by: Commission Member David Donaldson

Seconded by: Commission Member Brian Woltman

Discussion: None.

Voting in favor: Commission Members Mihm (Chair), Donaldson, Kadgen, McCarthy, Simonofsky, Woltman, Parker

Voting against: None

Disposition: Motion No. 6 passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Assistant County Attorney Dante De Leo