

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

DATE & TIME: November 10, 2022 – 5:00pm
LOCATION: Ulster County Legislative Chambers,
244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Kingston, New York 12401
PRESENT: Mihm, Kathleen (Chairperson) / Donaldson, David / Harris,
Shannon / Kadgen, Thomas* / McCarthy, Scott / Parker, LeShawn /
Rodriguez, Hector / Simonofsky, D. Mici / Woltman, Brian
** via videoconference due to extraordinary circumstances pursuant to
NYS Public Officers Law Section 103-A and Ulster County Local
Law No. 8 of 2022*
ABSENT: Cardinale, Frank
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Vicki Fabella, Clerk of the Legislature
Phil Erner, Legislator, District 6
March Gallagher, Comptroller
Alicia DeMarco, Deputy Comptroller
Kristin Gumaer, Assistant County Attorney
Richie Williams, Assistant County Attorney
Dawn Spader, Personnel Director
Kelli Ganda, Senior Personnel Analyst
Baden, Mike, Supervisor, Town of Rochester
Dare Thompson, League of Women Voters
Jerry Sheehan, Executive Confidential Secretary to County
Executive [recording minutes]

Chairperson Mihm called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Motion No 1: Motion to Approve the November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Motion By: Commission member Simonofsky
Motion Seconded By: Commission member Harris
Discussion: None
Voting in Favor: Commission members Donaldson, Harris, Kadgen,
Mihm, McCarthy, Parker, Rodriguez, Simonofsky, Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 9
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approval of Motion to Approve the November 3, 2022 meeting
minutes
Motion No. 1 **Moved to Approve November 3, 2022 meeting minutes.**

Public Comment: None

Ulster County Personnel Director Dawn Spader reviewed with the Commission members the Charter revision suggestions that she detailed in an email dated October 13, 2022.

Motion No. 2: Motion to accept the suggested Charter revision as written by Ulster County Personnel Director Dawn Spader in her email to Commission members dated October 13, 2022
Motion By: Commission member Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Commission member McCarthy

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Commission members Donaldson, Harris, Mihm, McCarthy, Parker, Rodriguez, Simonofsky, Woltman

Voting Against: Kadgen

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Approval of Motion to Approve to accept the suggested Charter revision as written by Ulster County Personnel Director Dawn Spader in her email to Commission members dated October 13, 2022.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to accept the suggested Charter revision as written by**
Ulster **County Personnel Director Dawn Spader in her email to**
Commission members dated October 13, 2022.

Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher took the floor to continue the review of the Memorandum dated October 4, 2022 that she submitted for the Commission's consideration. The review was commenced at the meeting on October 6, 2022 and continued at the meeting on November 3, 2022.

Motion No. 3: Motion to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(a) as written by Ulster County Comptroller in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022

Motion By: Commission member Harris

Motion Seconded By: Commission member Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Commission members Donaldson, Harris, Kadgen, Mihm, McCarthy,

Voting Against: Parker, Rodriguez, Simonofsky, Woltman
Votes in Favor: none
Votes Against: 9
Disposition: 0
Approval of Motion to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(a) as written by Ulster County Comptroller in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(a) as written by Ulster County Comptroller in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022.**

Motion No. 4: Motion to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(c) as written by Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022.

Motion By: Commission member Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Commission member Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Commission members Donaldson, Harris, Kadgen, Mihm, McCarthy, Parker, Rodriguez, Simonofsky, Woltman
Voting Against: none
Votes in Favor: 9
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approval of Motion to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(c) as written by Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to accept the suggested Charter revision to C-57(c) as written by Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher in her Memorandum to Commission members dated October 4, 2022.**

[5:25pm] Ulster County Legislator Ken Ronk, Jr. briefly took the floor to thank the members of the Commission for their service. Legislator Ronk, Jr. indicated that he would make an appointment to address the Commission at a future date. Legislator Ronk, Jr. informed the Commission that he is working on an appointment for the seat on the Commission created by the resignation of former Commission member, TJ Briggs.

A discussion was had regarding the suggested Charter revisions sent by Ed Jordan, Director of Purchasing dated November 2, 2022 and by Brendan Masterson, Commissioner of Public Works both of which deal with increasing the cost threshold for contracts being approved by the Legislature which is currently set at \$50K. Prior to making any decision on the issue, the

Commission will await input from the Chair of the Legislature.

Chair Mihm asked for any further business and hearing none,

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion By: Commission member Simonofsky

Motion Seconded By: Commission member McCarthy

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Commission members Donaldson, Harris, Kadgen, Mihm, McCarthy, Parker, Rodriguez, Simonofsky, Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 9

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approval of Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion No. 5: Moved to Adjourn Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Sheehan, Executive Confidential Secretary to County Executive
