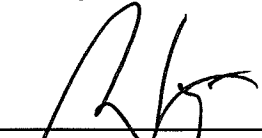
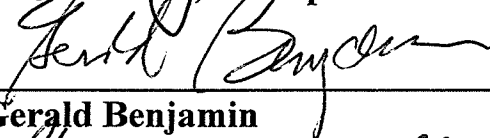


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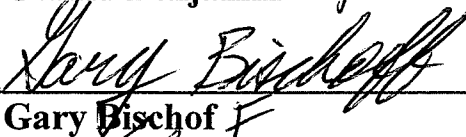
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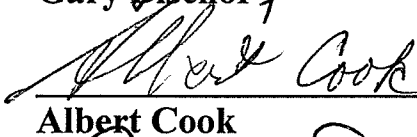
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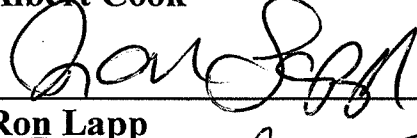
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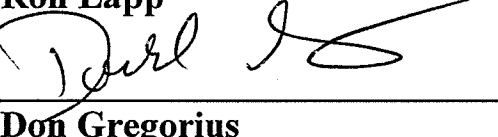
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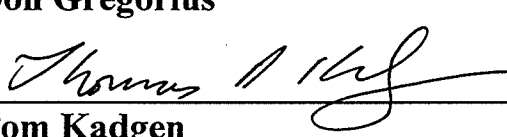
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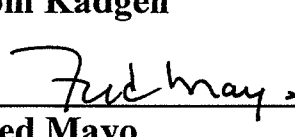
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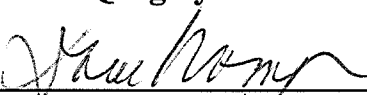
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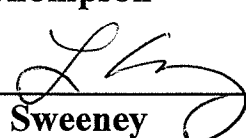


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Dare Thompson Date

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Laurel Sweeney Date

**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF GROUP: Charter Revision Commission

DATE: April 9, 2018

TIME: 4:30 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Kadgen, Don Gregorius, Dare Thompson, Gerald Benjamin, Ron Lapp, John Quigley, Laurel Sweeney, and Albert Cook

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rod Futerfas, Gary Bischoff, and Fred Mayo

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:

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to call the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Futerfas.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All were in favor

Motion carried

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to elect a Vice Chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chairperson.

Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion.

All were in favor

Motion carried

Commissioner Kadgen nominated Commissioner Gregorius as Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Gregorius accepted the nomination

Commissioner Benjamin seconded the nomination

All were in favor

2. Minutes of the March 26, 2018 Meeting:

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Benjamin seconded the motion

Commissioners Benjamin, Cook, Kadgen, and Thompson voted to approve the minutes.

Commissioners Gregorius, Lapp, Quigley, and Sweeney abstained

Motion did not pass.

3. Old Business:

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked County Attorney Havranek to review the timelines prepared by her office at the request of the Commission.

County Attorney Havranek reviewed the timelines, one in which the Commission takes its changes directly to the ballot, and one in which the Commission submits its changes to the Legislature.

Vice Chairman Gregorius and Commissioner Cook stated their support to go directly to the ballot in 2018.

Commissioner Quigley asked if the revisions would be placed on the ballot as one change or if each change would appear separately.

County Attorney Havranek explained all of the revisions made by the Commission to section C-10 would go as one referendum.

4. New Business:

The Commission discussed the Legislature's role in the revision process and the steps it would like to take to include them in the process.

Vice Chairman Gregorius felt it would be a mistake to totally exclude the Legislature.

Commissioner Benjamin noted he had been approached by Legislators, including one Legislator who attended one of the meetings and addressed the group, who expressed their belief that redistricting

was a Legislative prerogative. Commissioner Benjamin explained if the Commission was interested in having the Redistricting Commission hear the opinions of Legislators, the Commission could include language allowing for the submission of comments by individual Legislators,

Commissioner Quigley felt political influence should be kept out of the process where possible.

Commissioner Kadgen agreed with Commissioner Quigley.

Commissioner Kadgen thought it would be acceptable for the Commission to write a letter the Legislature inviting the Legislators to attend the public hearings.

Commissioner Sweeney agreed and noted its inclusion in the calendar.

A brief discussion was had.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to hold two public hearings on the Charter Revisions and to invite the Legislature by mail.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section 5 of the proposed revisions.

The Commission felt the revisions were very clear.

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section 6 of the proposed revisions.

A brief discussion was had.

The Commission agreed to strike the section after the word "plan."

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section I of the proposed revisions.

No revisions were made.

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section J of the proposed revisions.

The Commission agreed to revise this section to have the Commission dissolved upon submission of its plan to the Board of Elections.

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section K of the proposed revisions.

No revisions were made.

Vice Chairman Gregorius directed the Commission to look at new section L of the proposed revisions.

A brief discussion was had. The Commission discussed striking parts of the section or the entire section.

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked the Commissioners to think about the revisions to this section and finalize at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed moving the date of their next meeting to April 30th instead of April 23rd.

All agreed and requested a notice be sent out to the Commissioners.

5. Public Comment

No public comment

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Sweeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Vice Chairman Gregorius adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock
Ulster County Attorney's Office