


**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Meeting Minute Date: May 14, 2018


Rod Futerfas, Chairperson

6/25/18
Date

Gerald Benjamin

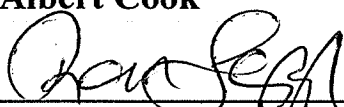
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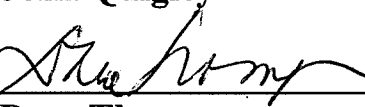
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Dare Thompson

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Laurel Sweeney

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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF GROUP: Charter Revision Commission

DATE: May 14, 2018

TIME: 4:30 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Futerfas, Tom Kadgen, Don Gregorius, Fred Mayo, Gerald Benjamin, Ron Lapp, Laurel Sweeney, Albert Cook, Dare Thompson and Gary Bischoff

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Quigley

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beatrice Havranek, Esq., County Attorney
Kristin Gumaer, Esq., Assistant Ulster County Attorney
Eric Stock, Paralegal, Ulster County Attorney's Office

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Gregorius called the meeting to order at 4:35 in the absence of Chairman Futerfas.

2. Minutes of the March 26, 2018, April 9, 2018 and April 30, 2018 Meetings:

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 Mayo seconded the motion

Vice Chairman Gregorius called the question

Motion carried

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion

Vice Chairman Gregorius called the question

Motion carried

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Mayo seconded the motion

Vice Chairman Gregorius called the question

Motion carried

3. Old Business:

Commissioner Mayo asked whether a second set of public hearings would need to be held if the Commission made changes based on the responses by the public at the upcoming hearings.

County Attorney Havranek explained to the Commission that they would not need to hold another public hearing.

4. New Business:

Vice Chairman Gregorius asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to submitting the revisions to the public for comment at public hearing.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to submit the revisions to the public for comment at public hearing.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Gregorius called the question

Motion carried

Chairman Futerfas arrived at 4:45

Vice Chairman Gregorius turned the meeting over to Chairman Futerfas

The Commission briefly discussed the public hearings.

Commissioner Bischoff inquired what the message should be when asked what changes the .

Chairman Futerfas explained the message should be that the Commission cleaned up the process for selecting those doing the redistricting in as nonpolitical fashion as possible.

Chairman Futerfas reminded the Commission that he would send a letter inviting the Legislators to comment at the public hearings.

Commissioner Benjamin discussed some of the Legislator's opinion that redistricting is a legislative prerogative. He believes this is wrong. If asked why the redistricting process should be revised, the answer is "for good government." Commissioner Benjamin said we are taking this to the public, they are the rule makers, there is a powerful democratic argument for this.

The Commission returned discussion to the public hearings. The Commission set a five (5) minute time limit for speakers.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners to confirm if they would be attending the public hearings.

Chairman Futerfas noted the next meeting following the public hearings would be June 25, 2018.

5. Public Comment

No public comment

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Benjamin made a motion to adjourn

Commissioner Mayo seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned 5:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock
Ulster County Attorney's Office