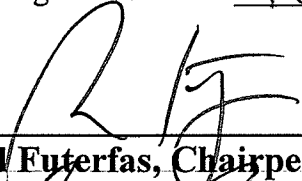


**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Meeting Minute Date: February 12, 2018



Rod Futerfas, Chairperson

2/26/18

Date



Gerald Benjamin

2/26/18

Date

Gary Bischof

Date

Albert Cook

Date



Ron Lapp

2/26/18

Date



Don Gregorius

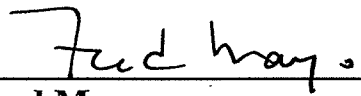
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Tom Kadgen

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Fred Mayo

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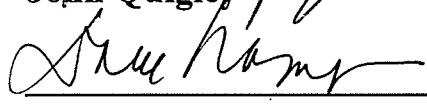
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John Quigley

2/26/18

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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: February 12, 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, Gary Bischoff, Don Gregorius, Dare Thompson, John Quigley, Fred Mayo, Gerald Benjamin, and Albert Cook (arrived 4:55)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Laurel Sweeney, Gary Bischoff, Ron Lapp

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

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

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

2. Chairman Futerfas asked Paralegal Stock to prepare and provide to the Commission a redline version of the Commission's revisions to Section C-10 to date.

3. Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Meeting:

Chairman Futerfas asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Gregorius made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion

Chairman Futerfas called the question

All were in favor

Motion carried

4. Old Business:

The Commission discussed its review and revisions to Section C-10 thus far.

The Commission also briefly discussed the size of the pool from which potential Redistricting Commission members would be selected. The Commission considered whether or not there was a need to increase the size of the pool and if increasing the size of the pool would open it up to people who are politically motivated.

(Commissioner Cook arrived 4:55 PM.)

Commissioner Kadgen suggested the answer to establishing a larger pool could be found in expanding recruitment efforts.

Chairman Futerfas said he believed the Commission should strive for a pure pool rather than a large pool.

Discussion continued.

Chairman Futerfas proposed moving on to new business.

5. New Business:

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

Commissioner Mayo recommended deleting and replacing "such means" in the first sentence of section B with "methods."

Commissioner Benjamin recommended the following be added after Commissioner Mayo's revision "including but not limited to." In addition, Commissioner Benjamin recommended adding language which would require documenting the pool solicitation process and language to clarify that the documentation on the solicitation process and the pool be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature.

The Commission recommended replacing "0" used throughout the Section with "zero."

Chairman Futerfas directed the Commission's attention to Section C-10 C.

The Commission discussed ways to ensure the Redistricting Commission is representative of the County and not just one or two communities.

Commissioner Thompson informed the Commission the last Redistricting Commission contained no racial or ethnic diversity.

The Commission discussed various ways to require the selection of Redistricting Commissioners from different areas of the County as well as varying racial and ethnic background.

Commissioner Mayo suggested revising Section C to include "shall represent the demographic and geographic diversity of the County."

Commissioner Cook agreed with this change and asked the Commission if it agreed the term "diversity" includes race.

The Commission agreed.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission if it thought language should be added to Section B to direct the Executive to utilize all of the methods listed for soliciting the pool. The Chairman suggested adding "including but not limited to."

The Commission agreed to this change.

Chairman Futerfas requested the County Attorney's Office research if the word "diversity" has a standard meaning in law.

The Commission began to discuss the dates identified in Section C-10. After a brief discussion Commissioner Mayo suggested the commission come back to the dates later on.

Commissioners Benjamin, Kadgen and Mayo requested the County Attorney's Office chart out the current Redistricting Commission timeline.

The Commission moved on to Section D. Commissioner Mayo suggested adding the following language to the end of the first sentence of Section D "and shall represent the geographic and demographic diversity of the County."

The Commission agreed to this change.

6. Public Comment

No Public Comment

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Gregorius seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock
Ulster County Attorney's Office