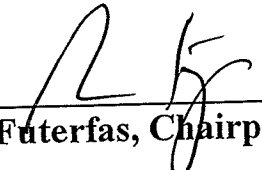


**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Meeting Minute Date: 11/27/2017



Rod Futerfas, Chairperson

12/11/17
Date

Gerald Benjamin

Date



Gary Bischof

Date


Albert Cook

Date



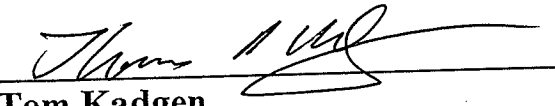
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Don Gregorius

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Tom Kadgen


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Fred Mayo

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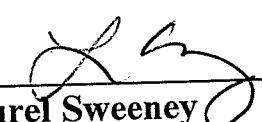
John Quigley

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Dare Thompson

12-11-17
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Laurel Sweeney

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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF GROUP: Charter Revision Commission

DATE: November 27, 2017

TIME: 3:30 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Cook, Rod Futerfas, John Quigley, Tom Kadgen, Dare Thompson, Laurel Sweeney, Fred Mayo, Gary Bischoff, Don Gregorius (arrived 3:45), and Leon "Butch" Dener

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gerald Benjamin

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beatrice Havranek, Esq., Ulster County Attorney
Kristin Gumaer, Esq., Assistant Ulster County Attorney
Eric Stock, Paralegal, Ulster County Attorney's Office
Kenneth J. Ronk, Chairman, Ulster County Legislature
Kevin Roberts, Ulster County Legislator

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

Chairman Futerfas called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

2. Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Meeting:

Chairman Futerfas asked what the pleasure of the Commission was with regard to approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Kadgen made a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion.

Chairman Futerfas called the question.

All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

3. Old Business:

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commissioners and County staff to go around the table and introduce themselves once again. Introductions were made.

Commissioner Futerfas reviewed the objectives of the Commission. This included coming to a consensus for redistricting and ensuring that the Commission works independently. Chairman Futerfas also reviewed the Commission's mission.

A brief discussion was had regarding the Commission's work being limited to establishing a redistricting process for Ulster County and the current process.

4. New Business:

Commissioner Quigley requested a walkthrough of the information contained in the binders provided to all of the Commissioners.

The County Attorney explained the documents contained in the informational binders provided to each Commissioner.

Chairman Futerfas recognized Legislator Roberts. Legislator Roberts requested the Charter Revision Commission include a provision where the Legislature would have the opportunity to vote on the districts proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

Commissioner Kadgen stated that he disagrees with giving final approval to the Legislature.

The Commission briefly discussed Section C-5 of the Charter. This Section provides for the Charter Revision Commission. The County Attorney told the Commission that her office would provide copies of Section C-5 to the Commission at its next meeting.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission to begin by looking over the current language and thinking about ways to improve it.

Commissioner Kadgen explained to the Commission that it is important that the process they develop has an end and it does not just stay up in the air.

Chairman Futerfas summarized Section C-10 section by section, commenting on how membership and political affiliation were areas of particular interest from the prior Charter Revision Commission. A brief discussion was had.

The County Attorney discussed the issue that arose over Notaries Public being Public Officers and the prior Commission's decision to allow them to sit on the Redistricting Commission. A brief discussion was had.

Commissioner Futerfas discussed potential agenda items for the next meeting, the process for going about their work and next meeting date. A brief discussion was had. The Commission agreed to start by examining the current version of Section C-10 section by section.

The Commission discussed dissemination of information to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kadgen requested all information be provided to Mr. Stock to disseminate to the Commission.

Commissioner Mayo asked if printed copies would be provided or if the Commissioners should print the provided information. It was agreed that Mr. Stock would provide the Commission with copies of all documents.

Discussion briefly turned back to those excluded from the Redistricting Commission. Chairman Futerfas recognized Chairman Ronk. Chairman Ronk briefly discussed the exclusion of Notaries Public and explained that listing them would exclude a high number of potential Commissioners.

Next meeting was scheduled for December 4, 2017. (Meeting time later rescheduled to December 11, 2017 due to scheduling conflicts.)

5. Public Comment

No Public Comment

6. Adjournment

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock
Ulster County Attorney's Office