

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

Meeting Minute Date: 11/9/2017

R. F.  
Rod Futerfas, Chairperson

11/27/17  
Date

Gerald Benjamin

Date

Gary Bischoff  
Gary Bischof

11/27/17  
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Albert B. Cook  
Albert Cook

11/27/2017  
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Butch Dener  
Leon "Butch" Dener

11/27/17  
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Don Gregorius  
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11/27/17  
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Tom Kadgen  
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11/27/17  
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Fred Mayo  
Fred Mayo

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John Quigley  
John Quigley

11/27/2017  
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Dare Thompson  
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11/27/17  
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Laurel Sweeney  
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11-27-17  
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**ULSTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF GROUP:** Charter Revision Commission

**DATE:** November 9, 2017

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Cook, Rod Futerfas, John Quigley, Tom Kadgen, Dare Thompson, Laurel Sweeney, Gerald Benjamin, Fred Mayo, and Gary Bischoff

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Don Gregorius, and Leon "Butch" Dener

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Michael P. Hein, County Executive  
Kristin Gumaer, Esq., Assistant Ulster County Attorney  
Jennifer Clark, Esq., Assistant County Attorney  
Eric Stock, Paralegal, Ulster County Attorney's Office  
Judy Riley, Assistant Deputy County Executive

**1. Call the Meeting to Order:**

County Executive Hein called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

**2. Opening Comments and Introduction:**

The County Executive thanked Judy Riley for organizing the meeting. He welcomed the members of the 2017 Charter Revision Commission and asked them to introduce themselves.

The Commissioners went around the table and introduced themselves.

The County Executive explained that five of the Commissioners have been appointed by him, three by the majority party in the Legislature and three have been appointed by the minority party. He explained that although they have been appointed by different branches, they now come together as an independent commission. He explained that he trusts that they will work together for the best interest of the County.

The County Executive gave the Commission its charge. "The purpose of this Commission is to provide the method of redistricting that will be utilized when the results of the 2020 census have been published." He went on to explain that the Commission will have one year from today to complete their work and at that time, the Commission will present its findings and recommendations for Charter revisions in writing to him and the Legislature as provided for in Section C-5(B)(4) of the Charter.

The County Executive informed the Commission that the county Attorney's Office, as the sole legal advisor to the County, will be here to assist them throughout the process. He introduced the members of the County Attorney's Office in attendance at the meeting: assistant County Attorneys Kristin Gumaer and Jennifer Clark, and Eric Stock, Paralegal.

### 3. Commission Chairperson:

The County Executive cited Section C5(B)(1) of the Charter which specifies the purpose of the initial meeting of the Charter Revision Commission is to select a Chairman and receive its charge. He asked for nominations for Chairperson.

Tom Kadgen nominated Rod Futerfas as Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission  
Rod Futerfas accepted the nomination  
Nomination was seconded by John Quigley  
County Executive Hein called for the vote  
All were in favor.

County Executive Hein said he would ensure the Commission had the necessary tools available to the them, he then turned the meeting over to Chairman Futerfas. Chairman Futerfas thanked his fellow Commissioners.

A brief discussion was had regarding scheduling additional meetings, collection and distribution of information including current court cases and other models for redistricting.

Chairman Futerfas said he would pull some information for the next meeting.

Commissioner Quigley asked commissioner Benjamin if he would review the current redistricting language as well as the prior version and give a critique at the next meeting. Commissioner Benjamin agreed.

Commissioner Cook requested copies of the current redistricting cases be provided to the Commission.

Chairman Futerfas asked the Commission for recommendations for the next meeting. A brief discussion was had. The Commissioners agreed to meet on November 27, 2017 at 3:30 PM in the Karen Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

### 4. Adjournment

Chairman Futerfas adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stock  
Ulster County Attorney's Office