

**Charter Review Commission
Constitutional Officers
Subcommittee Meeting
December 13, 2021**

A meeting of the Charter Review Commission, Constitutional Officers Subcommittee was held at Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, meeting room B106 at 3:00 p.m. on December 13, 2021.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

William Schafer, Chairman
Patricia Aho
Bob White
Suzanne Graham, Alternate

Absent members: Donald McCormick

Also present: Attorney Robert Berntsson

Citizens: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Schafer.

Agenda Items:

I. Citizens Input: None.

II. Old Business:

a. Approval of Minutes for November 22, 2021

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0

b. Discussion and Approval of the Final Report to the Commission

Chair Schafer passed out two documents concerning Enforcement:

- Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1345 (an act relating to the Charlotte County Airport Authority, Charlotte County)
- November 3, 2011 Memorandum to Board of County Commissioners from Attorney Janette Knowlton regarding Charlotte County Charter provisions for a six-month residency requirement

The focus of discussion concerned the rewriting of numbers one and two as presented in the draft Final Report. Member Aho recommended deleting number two. After committee discussion a compromise was agreed upon by the members.

New Language:

1. Enforcement of the Charter: The duties of the Charter Review Commission should be amended in the Home Rule County Charter keeping the commission active until the next Charter Review Commission is established in six years. In the event there is a question of interpretation and/or enforcement of the current Home Rule County Charter, the remaining members of the charter review commission will interpret/enforce any said violation through Charlotte County Attorney's Office. To include enforcement of Residency for all officials elected to office within the County. There shall be elected by the electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of the circuit court per Article III, Section 3.2.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE CHARTER.

MOTION CARRIED 2:1

Additional New Recommendation:

2. The Burden of the Non-Ad-Valorem fees from MSBU's. The burden from the fees imposed by MSBU's is increasing and there is a need to review whether there are options for reducing or lessening this burden. While no mechanism was suggested for reducing or lessening the burden of the MSBU's, it is suggested that a formal review process may provide options and suggestions for addressing this burden.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE BURDEN OF NON-AD-VALOREM FEES, TO BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT.

MOTION CARRIED 2:1

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO APPROVE THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

MOTION CARRIED 2:1

III. New Business: None


IV. Discussion:

A. Discussed which counties in Florida have enforcement of elections. Chair Schafer advised the members to review all 20 Home Rule Charters as well as the documents he provided at the beginning of the meeting.

V. Adjournment:

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB WHITE AND CHAIRMAN SCHAFER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:50 P.M. BY CONSENSUS.

No new meeting was scheduled.

 1/12/22

William Schafer, Chairman Date

Constitutional Officers Sub-Committee