

**2021-2022
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.

A Charter Review Commission (CRC) Meeting was held at the Administration Center 18500 Murdock Circle, Room #B-106, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948, at 3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2022.

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman William J. Dryburgh.

Roll Call

The following CRC members were present:

Patricia W. Aho	Donna C. Peterman	<u>Alternates</u>
Jeffrey K. Anlauf	Richard J. Pitz	None
Donna L. Barrett	Adam James Riley	
Cherie A. Burnette	William B. Schafer	
William Dryburgh	Cyril F. Schrage	
Rob Humpel	Bob White	
Donald McCormick		

The following members were absent: Members William C. Abbatematteo and Theresa A. Murtha and Alternates Suzanne Graham and James Coalwell.

Others present: Robert H. Berntsson, Attorney.

Citizen's present: David Kesselring.

I. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA BARRETT AND SECONDED BY DONNA PETERMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

II. Citizen Input on Agenda Items: Citizen David Kesselring asked that the Commission consider voting "No" on most of the proposed Charter Review Amendments.

III. Old Business:

A. Final review and vote on each proposed Charter Amendment:

Attorney Berntsson briefly reviewed each of the following proposed Charter Amendments before the Commission members made their final votes.

1. **Charter Amendment No. 1** relating to County Commission Review of Operations: To put the language in conjunction with the budget process as it actually works.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA BARRETT AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO APPROVE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1.

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

2. **Charter Amendment No. 2** to change the timeframe that the Charter Review Commission will be convened to every 10 years instead of the current review of every six years.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY WILLIAM SCHAFFER TO DISAPPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2.

MOTION CARRIED: 8:5 Charter Amendment No. 2 will not be placed on the ballot.

3. **Charter Amendment No. 3 Now No. 2:** Add personnel policies for County Attorney and Director of Economic Development to mirror the language with regards to the County Administrator.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB WHITE AND SECONDED BY CYRIL SCHRAGE TO APPROVE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2.

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

4. **Charter Amendment No. 4 Now No. 3:** Casino Gambling – require referendum approval to allow Casino Gambling in Charlotte County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROB HUMPEL AND SECONDED BY CHERIE BURNETTE TO APPROVE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3.

MOTION CARRIED: 11:2

IV. New Business:

A. Review and accept the Charter Review Commission's Final Report to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners:

MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA PETERMAN AND SECONDED BY DONNA BARRETT TO APPROVE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BE AMENDED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO, "LENGTH OF TIME TO CONVENE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION".

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

B. Approval of Big W Law Firm Statement for Services – May 27, 2022.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROB HUMPEL AND SECONDED BY DONNA BARRETT TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY ATTORNEY ROBERT BERNTSSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,181.25.

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

C. Approval of Charter Review Expenses through May 31, 2022.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA PETERMAN AND SECONDED BY WILLIAM SCHAFER TO APPROVE THE SECOND QUARTER CHARTER EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,856.47 AND THE TO DATE EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,681.59

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

Chairman Dryburgh commented that even though there are some final expenses still to come, the Commission managed well to not use the total \$35,000 that was budgeted for the Commission's use.

D. Authorize the Chairman and Attorney to approve the Final Minutes of June 2, 2022.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA BARRETT AND SECONDED BY DONALD MCCORMICK TO AUTHORIZE THE CRC CHAIRMAN AND CRC ATTORNEY TO APPROVE THE FINAL MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2022 OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

MOTION CARRIED: 13:0

V. Discussion:

Chairman Dryburgh and the Commission extended their thanks and appreciation to Administrative Assistant Andrea Yerger for an outstanding job in providing support for the 2021-2022 Charter Review Commission.

Chairman Dryburgh personally thanked everyone. He acknowledged that the process was slow in the beginning and that handling the interviews under the Sunshine Law was cumbersome at times.

Member Schrage asked if the CRC Members were required to attend the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on July 12, 2022? Chairman Dryburgh replied that everyone was more than welcome to attend, but not required. Chairman Dryburgh and Attorney Berntsson will be there to answer any questions that the County Commissioners may have.

Member Cyril Schrage offered his thanks and appreciation to Chairman William Dryburgh for his management and leadership of the 2021-2022 Charter Review Commission with the members also extending their thanks and appreciation.

Chairman Dryburgh also extended thanks to our fine attorney, Robert Berntsson. The Chairman again thanked the members for sticking through to the very end to make sure we had a quorum to conduct the business at hand. The Chairman also noted and thanked our Charlotte County Sheriff Department's Officer, DFC Kenneth Badali (and other Officers), who was present at many of our meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:


The meeting concluded with the taking of a photo of those present to commemorate the conclusion of the work of the Commission.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY CONSENSUS AT 3:10 P.M.

This is the last meeting of the 2021-2022 Charter Review Commission and completes the work of this Commission. The CRC authorized that these Final Minutes are to be approved by the Board Chairman and Charter Review Attorney. The Final Report approved at this meeting will be presented to the Board of County Commissioner at their July 12, 2022 meeting.



William J. Dryburgh
Chairman



Robert H. Berntsson, Esq.
General Counsel

DATE ADOPTED: 6/8/2022