

MINUTES

FREDERICK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

July 10, 2019

Members Present: John Daniels, Dylan Diggs, Paul Gilligan, Lisa Jarosinski, Dr. April Miller, Walter Olson, Stephen Slater

Call to Order: Stephen Slater, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome: Stephen Slater, Chairperson

Approval of June 26, 2019, Minutes:

Commission Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent/Abstain
Diggs			✓		
Gilligan	✓		✓		
Jarosinski			✓		
Miller		✓	✓		
Olson			✓		
Daniels, Vice Chair			✓		
Slater, Chair			✓		

Discussion Regarding How to Approach and Review Potential Charter Revisions:

The Commission discussed many approaches to review the Charter and gather information. Some of these included interviewing the original Frederick County Charter Board members, present and past Council Members, the County Executive, the County Council staff, County municipalities, charter review commission members, council members and county executives from other counties, Frederick County Board of Education, Frederick community groups and members of the public. Having town hall meetings out in the community was also discussed.

There was discussion on having the Council staff to the Commission draft a letter to invite the past and present Council Members, and the County Executive to give written feedback on the positive and negative aspects of the Charter and what changes should be made. An invitation to attend an upcoming meeting to be interviewed by the Commission will also be included in the letter. A response to the letter is expected by August 1, 2019. The letter is to be signed by Chairperson Slater.

A motion was made to approve a resolution granting the Chair of this Commission authority to send a letter to the County Executive, and to each of the present and past County Council members in regard to what has been effective and what are the major challenges to implementing or working with the current Charter. In the same motion, the letter is to include two paragraphs. Paragraph one will include the Resolution 19-09, paragraph two will ask for input on what is working, not working, and what improvements could be made to the current Charter. An amendment to the motion was made by Dr. Miller for the third paragraph to have an invitation to attend a future Charter Review Commission meeting to discuss input.

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Diggs			✓		
Gilligan			✓		
Jarosinski			✓		
Miller			✓		
Olson		✓	✓		
Daniels, Vice Chair	✓		✓		
Slater, Chair			✓		

A suggestion was made by Dr. Miller to add a section to the agenda for the Commissions members to give comments on the information they have received.

Future Charter Review Commission Meeting Dates and Times: The Commission has set the following dates for the next meetings:

- Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 7:00 pm
- Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7:00 pm
- Beginning in September, the Commission will meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm

The Commission reached a consensus to invite the original Charter Board members and alternates to the August 1, 2019, meeting to offer comments and feedback. They can also offer their observations in writing.

Other Business: The August 19, 2019, meeting will be used for a feedback review meeting. Chief Administrative Officer will inquire when the County Executive will be able to attend a meeting.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 7 pm, Winchester Hall

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Commission Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent/Abstain
Diggs			✓		
Gilligan	✓		✓		
Jarosinski			✓		
Miller		✓	✓		
Olson			✓		
Daniels, Vice Chair			✓		
Slater, Chair			✓		

 Stephen Slater, Chairperson
 Charter Review Commission