



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final Charter Review Commission

*Robert Kagler, Chair
Gregory Hall, Secretary
Cheri Pagni-Griffith
Jon Hoover
Chelsea McCoy
Sarah Norman
Michael Ryan
Jennifer Spitalieri
Scott Trainor*

Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall
1140 Terex Road

1. Call to Order

Chair Kagler called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:03 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Ms. Pagni-Griffith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kagler, Ms. McCoy, Ms. Norman, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Spitalieri and Mr. Trainor

Mrs. Norman entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Others in Attendance: Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel and Mr. Sheridan, City Manager.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- A. [25-0061](#) **Minutes of Previous Charter Review Commission Meeting**
Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for the Charter Review Commission's review and approval.
Attachments: [May 7, 2025 Charter Review Commission Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Ms. Pagni-Griffith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kagler, Ms. McCoy, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Spitalieri and Mr. Trainor

Excused: 1 - Ms. Norman

4. Correspondence and Commissioner Comments

Mr. Kagler noted that the Commission has reviewed 14.5 out of 16 Articles of the Charter and the Preamble. Separate issues include merging of boards and commissions, adding the Military and Veterans' Commission as a Chartered board, ranked choice voting, and accountability and governance.

Mr. Kagler also stated that proposed changes are being considered for the Preamble, Section 4.01, Article V, Article VI, board and commission term limits, and Article XII.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Scheduled Presentations

None.

7. Review of Charter Articles

A. Article IV (Continued, beginning at Section 4.03)

Discussion followed regarding the process for the removal of the Mayor and whether Council should be able to remove an independently-elected Mayor. There was consensus not to change the language in Section 4.03, as there are other avenues to remove the Mayor.

It was further noted that language in Section 4.03 referring to the start of the Mayor's term could also be used for Council.

There was consensus not to change the language in Section 4.04.

B. Article III

Under Section 3.01, there was consensus to change the term start date to match the language for the Mayor under Section 4.03. The Commission considered term limits for Council, as was also discussed for board and commission members, suggesting a new section under Article VII. There was consensus to amend the language to 12 years or three full elected terms, whichever is greater.

Under Section 3.02, there was consensus to change the first sentence to match the language in Section 4.03.

Regarding Section 3.03, there was discussion concerning the Council's role in communicating with staff. There was consensus not to change the language but a suggestion was made to include it in the Codified Ordinances if Council desired.

There was consensus to remove the newspaper publication in Section 3.08 to match the language suggested for Section 6.04.

Under Section 3.10, the Commission discussed various ways to compensate members of Council and the Mayor, including per meeting, per hour, or the minimum required to meet OPERS qualifications. Mr. Hoover volunteered to gather Council salary information of surrounding communities and distribute prior to the next meeting. It was determined that changes to this Section would be further discussed at a later date.

Regarding Section 3.13, the Commission discussed whether or not to include a process for censure. There was

consensus not to change the language.

No changes were suggested for Section 3.04, Section 3.05, Section 3.06, Section 3.07, Section 3.09, Section 3.11, and Section 3.12.

C. Separate Issues (if time permits)

This item was not addressed.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Action Items / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Review Commission is June 4, 2025.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Robert Kagler, Chair

Gregory Hall, Secretary

Upon approval by the Charter Review Commission, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording.