



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, June 4, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall
1140 Terex Road

1. Call to Order

Chair Kagler called to order the meeting of the Charter Review Commission at 7:00 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

Others in Attendance: Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Mr. Banweg, At-Large Councilmember, and Mr. Sheridan, City Manager.

Mrs. Norman entered the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0072](#) Minutes of Previous Charter Review Commission

Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for the Charter Review Commission's review and approval.

Attachments: [May 14, 2025 Charter Review Commission Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Pagni-Griffith, that minutes be approved 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 reviewed the agenda, announced the next meeting dates of June 18th and June 25th, and suggested that the Commission flip the order of items discussed under agenda item, "Review of Charter Articles".

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Scheduled Presentations

None.

7. Review of Charter Articles**B. Draft Text for Sections Already Reviewed (preamble, 3.01, 3.02, 3.08, 4.01, 5.02, 6.03, 6.04, 7.05 [new], 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, 11.01, 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03)**

The Commission reviewed proposals drafted by Mr. Pitchford in response to changes to the Charter. This document is attached to the minutes.

Based on discussion of the Commission, several proposals required editing, including:

- 1. Proposal #1: To keep "Municipality" instead of "City" in the first line and removing "Summit County".*
- 2. Proposal #5: To change the line regarding Council's ability to revoke the designation and appoint another officer.*
- 3. Proposal #6: The addition of clarifying language*
- 4. Proposal #7: To clarify language for a term limit for a total of 12 years.*
- 5. Proposal #8: To clarify a total of 12 years on one particular board*
- 6. Proposal #9: To change Finance Director to Clerk in two additional places*

Proposals #2, 3, 4, and 10 were discussed and there was consensus not to change the text.

Mr. Kagler then asked the Commission to consider Section 3.10 (Salaries and Bonds). Discussion followed as to whether or not pay should be increased and if so, by how much or by what metric. There was consensus to align Council salary's to meet minimum requirements for OPERS.

A. Separate Issues (ranked choice voting, boards/commissions, accountability to taxpayers/voters)

The Commission considered Ranked Choice Voting to determine if there is currently a problem, what is the solution if there is a problem, and what the solution would apply to. Discussion followed as to how ranked choice voting works and whether it was confusing to voters. There was consensus not to move forward with a ranked choice voting proposal.

Due to time constraints, the topics of boards/commissions and accountability to taxpayers/voters were postponed to the next meeting on June 16, 2025.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Action Items / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Review Commission is June 18, 2025.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kagler adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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.