



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft Charter Review Commission

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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 18, 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 7:02 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Ms. Pagni-Griffith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kagler, Ms. McCoy, Ms. Norman, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Spitalieri
Absent: 1 - Mr. Trainor

Mrs. Norman entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Others in attendance: Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Mr. Banweg, Councilmember; and Mr. Sheridan, City Manager.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0084](#)

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: [June 4, 2025 Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Ms. Pagni-Griffith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kagler, Ms. McCoy, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Spitalieri

Excused: 1 - Ms. Norman

4. Correspondence and Commissioner Comments

Mr. Kagler noted that this was the Commission's tenth meeting and discussion items would include revised proposals drafted by Mr. Pitchford, adding the Military and Veterans' Commission to the Charter, combining other boards, and the suggested direction of ballot issues in terms of grouping non-controversial items and separating controversial items.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Scheduled Presentations

None.

7. Review of Charter Articles

A. Draft Text for Sections Already Reviewed But Not Yet Finalized (preamble, 3.10, 6.03, 6.04, 7.05 [new], 8.04, 8.06, 8.07, 9.01, 9.04, 9.06, 11.01, and 12.02)

The Commission reviewed previously discussed proposals as drafted by Mr. Pitchford after they had been amended at the previous meeting, as well as the compensation of elected officials. It was determined that of the eleven proposals, #7, #8, #10, and #11 should be separated for voter consideration. The others, #1-6 and #9, could be grouped together and titled as "various administrative changes".

B. Separate Issues (boards/commissions, accountability to taxpayers/voters)

Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of the Military and Veterans' Commission into the Charter. There was consensus to have language drafted for the ballot.

The Commission also discussed the merging of the Park Board, Tree Commission, Cemetery Board, and Environmental Awareness Committee. Mr. Kagler shared his research on the history of these boards, funding sources if applicable, and prescribed duties. He noted that there was a lot of overlap and all are advisory in nature. Discussion followed on whether the boards should be combined or whether they should remain separate based on disparate functions. There was consensus to move forward with language to combine the Park Board, Tree Commission and Cemetery Board.

The last item the Commission discussed was an item Mr. Kagler referenced as "accountability to taxpayers and voters", which involved placing stipulations on entities that receive taxpayer funds and elections of governing board members on entities that receive taxpayer funds. Discussion followed about school board elections versus library board elections and library board election procedures. There was consensus to have Mr. Pitchford draft language for the Commission's review.

8. Public Comments

Mr. Basil Musnuff, 7645 Hudson Park Dr, President of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library and Historical Society, responded to comments made during the previous discussion item about the library. He noted that citizens vote for a tax levy on the ballot, only two Councilmembers have spoken to him regarding election procedures and an ad hoc committee was created to address early voting, and responded to Commissioner questions.

9. Action Items / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Review Commission is June 25, 2025.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Charter Review Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Robert S. 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.