



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, April 2, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall
1140 Terex Road

1. Call to Order

Mr. 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; Council President Chris Foster; and Councilmember Patricia Goetz.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- A. [25-0034](#) **Minutes of Previous Charter Review Commission Meeting**
Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meeting are provided for the Charter Review Commission's review and approval.
Attachments: [March 5, 2025 Charter Review Committee Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Norman, seconded by Ms. Pagni-Griffith, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Correspondence and Commissioner Comments

Mr. Kagler stated that the majority of Articles have been reviewed and he would like to review suggested changes after a full pass-through of all the Articles. He also noted that the Commission had received Preamble edits drafted by Mrs. Norman, the next meeting is on April 16th, and set a deadline of April 30th for suggested

changes.

5. Public Comments

Ms. Carleen Welch, 992 Silverberry Lane, Vice President of the Board of Trustees at the Hudson Library and Historical Society, spoke against the proposed revisions to Article VII, Section 7.01.

Councilmember Goetz, 16 College Street, suggested several changes to the Charter, including moving the swearing-in date of new Councilmembers to January, raising the income tax, electing a City Solicitor, issues regarding censure, and the Council President as a liaison to City staff.

Mrs. Leslie Polott, 2356 Cypress Point Dr., Executive Director of the Hudson Library and Historical Society, responded to a question regarding a library funding bill. She stated that the change, if passed, would significantly impact funding from the State and it is not in the library's favor.

Councilmember Foster, 7303 Walters Road, responded to Councilmember Goetz's comments.

6. Scheduled Presentations

None.

7. Review of Charter Articles

A. Article V

Section 5.01 was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

Discussion occurred regarding Article 5.02, and the definition of "just cause". There was consensus to remove the word "just".

Section 5.03 was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

Regarding Section 5.04, the Commission discussed the suggested made by a resident to involve Council in the termination of employees. Mr. Pitchford stated that certain processes already exist and suggested not to make any changes to this Section.

Section 5.05 was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

The Commission discussed the intent of Section 5.06 and there was consensus that it described a temporary scenario. No changes were suggested.

Article V was discussed.

B. Article VIII

Section 8.01 was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

Section 8.02 was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

Section 8.03, electing a City Solicitor, was discussed and there was consensus to not make changes.

Section 8.04 was discussed and Mr. Kagler read suggestions that were submitted. The Commission discussed term limits and term lengths. There was consensus not to make changes to this Section, but a request was made to Mr. Pitchford to offer suggested changes to language regarding term limits.

The Commission determined that the remainder of Article 8 be discussed at the next meeting.

Article VIII was discussed.

C. Article IX

Discussion of Article IX was postponed to the next meeting on April 16th.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Action Items / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Review Commission is April 16, 2025.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Spitalieri, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 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.