

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.
Remote/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Commission Members Present: George Margolies, Chair Laura Goddeeris, Vice Chair Christopher Danley Katherine Gugulis David Hill Ruth Kirinda Larry Lauer Perry Paylor Ronald Stubblefield Nichole Thomas Susan Miles	Staff Present: Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council Marie Jean-Paul, Office of the County Council
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Commission Chair George Margolies called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Margolies acknowledged the presence of a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection. The minutes for March 10, 2021 were approved without objection.

II. WELCOMING NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Commission Members welcomed Ms. Kirinda to the Commission. Ms. Kirinda and other Commission Members shared information about their backgrounds.

III. CHARTER SECTION 510 - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REGARDING POLICE OFFICER DISCIPLINE

Mr. Lauer recommended considering whether to amend Section 510 regarding collective bargaining. The purpose of the amendment would be to prohibit interference with internal disciplinary actions of the police department.

Ms. Gugulis asked for clarification regarding the meaning of internal disciplinary actions. Mr. Lauer discussed that unions are not public entities, but tend to dominate how disciplinary actions are taken against officers.

Members discussed that pending state legislation might affect the discipline of police officers throughout the state. Mr. Margolies suggested, and Mr. Lauer agreed, to revisit the issue once the state legislative session ends in April. Mr. Hill suggested that the Commission also

might want to contact the Policing Advisory Commission and the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force about the issue of officer discipline.

IV. CHARTER SECTION 109 – LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Members discussed a suggestion by the Council’s Executive Director to amend Section 109 to provide additional flexibility regarding the scheduling of “legislative days.” Under the state constitution, the Council must not have no more than 45 legislative days a year. Under Section 109, these legislative days generally must occur on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, even if the Council is on recess. Thus, recess days that fall on a first or third Tuesday count against the 45-day limit.

Ms. Gugulis stated that she supports the current meeting schedule with additional notice provisions. Mr. Danley requested additional information about the need for additional flexibility under Section 109. Mr. Margolies asked Council staff to return with specific suggested language and additional background information.

V. CONCLUSION

Mr. Margolies reminded the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021. The next topics will be Sections 510 and 109 and, if time allows, public listening sessions. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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