

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)
November 13, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.
County Office Building – Capital Crescent Conference Room
100 Maryland Avenue, 4th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Jim Michaels, Chair Howard Denis Jeffrey Naftal Dylan Presman Sherry Brett-Major David Nachtsheim Michael Persh Marvin Lynch	Staff Present: Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council Lisa Brennan, Office of the County Attorney
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Commission Chair Jim Michaels called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:05 a.m.

- I. Administrative Items:**
 - a. Adopted agenda with one change: the scheduled speaker, Ms. Gannon, will attend a meeting at a later date.
 - b. Adopted minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting.
- II. Discussion of the Office of the People’s Counsel**
 - a. Chair Michaels summarized the role of the People’s Counsel.
 - b. Noted that the position has not been funded since 2008.
 - c. Discussed whether the Charter is the appropriate place to address the People’s Counsel.
- III. Discussion of County Executive Term Limits**
 - a. The Chair noted that Councilmembers publicly thanked the Commission for its service. The Council and County Executive are grateful for the Commission’s work.
 - b. The Chair noted for the record that statements made in the media alleging that the Commission was “manipulated” were false and offensive. Every member gave thoughtful consideration to the issues before the body, including the amendment on term limits.
- IV. Discussion of Special Taxing Districts**
 - a. Discussed whether the creation of special taxing districts should be addressed in the Charter.
 - b. Noted that Anne Arundel County’s Charter has provisions to govern special taxing districts.
 - c. Asked Council staff to identify Council and Executive staff who could discuss special taxing districts with the Commission.
 - d. Mr. Persh, Mr. Nachtsheim, and Mr. Presman plan to research the topic further.
- V. Additional Follow-up Items**
 - a. The Chair plans to contact regional service directors.

- b. Staff will ask Councilmember Glass if he would like to discuss potential Charter amendments with the Commission.

Next meeting will occur in December or January, depending upon the availability of speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.