

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

June 11, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building, 4th Floor
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851

Minutes

<p>Commission Members Present: Jim Michaels, Chair Howard Denis (Virtual) Jeffrey Naftal (Virtual) Dylan Presman (Virtual) Sherry Brett-Major David Nachtsheim (Virtual) Marvin Lynch</p> <p>Commission Members Absent: Michael Persh</p>	<p>Staff Present: Dale Tibbits, Office of the County Executive Stephen Mathany, Office of the County Council Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council</p>
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Commission Chair Jim Michaels called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:02 a.m.

Administrative Items:

- Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 9, 2025 meeting were approved without any changes.

Discussion Items:

1. Remarks by Council President Kate Stewart:

- Council President Stewart highlighted the importance of making sure that any changes to the charter follow the goals of making the government more transparent and accountable to county residents.
- She emphasized the need for clear communication with residents about the guiding principles and contents of the charter to maintain trust and support.
- The Council President also discussed the ongoing evaluation of the budget process, including the spending affordability guidelines and the various economic indicators considered.
- She mentioned the importance of considering multiple measurements of inflation and other economic indicators when setting budget guidelines, rather than relying solely on one measure.
- Council President Stewart expressed her concerns about altering the Charter’s current budget reserve limitations and that the Council had flexibility in managing reserves to address unforeseen financial challenges.

2. Outreach Report:

- Chair Michaels reported on the outreach efforts to the Citizens Advisory Boards in the Up County and Mid County regions. Meetings were held on March 10 and March 20, respectively, to inform them about the Commission's work and gather feedback.
- Chair Michaels will attend the meeting of the West County advisory board on June 16th and the East County advisory board once they have set a meeting date.
- Chair Michaels hopes to meet with the Silver Spring Advisory Board at a later date.

3. Staff Updates:

- No public input received to this point regarding topics for the Commission's second report.

Additional Follow-up Items:

- Tasks were assigned to staff and Commission Members to follow up on the topics discussed and prepare for future meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.