

AGENDA

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Council Office Building

4th Floor, Capital Crescent Conference Room

100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850

Virtual: [ZOOM](#) | Password: 290536 | Dial In: +13017158592

(All times are approximate)

8:00 a.m. – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Acknowledgment of a Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes of July 10, 2024, meeting

8:10 a.m. – Chair Update

- Brief Summary of County Council meeting held on July 23, 2024
 - Resolution to adopt the Commission’s proposed Charter amendment on voting requirements for budget approvals and tax levies: defeated, 5 to 6
 - Resolution to adopt the Commission’s proposed Charter amendment on Executive appointments: no action, withdrawn for lack of support
 - Petition for a Charter amendment to reduce the term limit for the County Executive: placed on the ballot after signature requirement met.
- Solicitation for applicants to fill 3 vacancies posted: “open until filled”
 - All 3 to be filled by the County Executive; no more than 2 may registered “D”

8:25 a.m. – Outreach to Citizens Advisory Boards

- 5 Citizen Advisory Boards – discuss attendance at future meeting with the board chairs
- For discussion: consider allowing chairs to schedule and conduct discussions among board members before trying to hold a meeting with Commission members.
 - Upcoming CAB meetings
 - Wed. Oct. 2 at 7 pm (East County CAB) Briggs-Chaney Rd. in Silver Spring
 - Mon Oct. 14 at 7 pm (Silver Spring CAB) via Zoom
 - Wed. Oct. 16 at 7 pm (Mid-County CAB) via Zoom
 - Monday Oct. 21 at 7 pm (Western CAB) via TEAMS (or Nov. 18)
 - Monday Oct. 21 at 7 pm (Upcounty CAB) via Zoom (or Nov. 18)
- Public Listening Sessions: one meeting in each of the five regional service areas to solicit views of the public on potential charter amendments
 - WHEN: January and February
 - FORMAT: participants can either suggest topics for study or comment on a list of potential topics provided by the Commission
 - Identify options for locations in Sept. and Oct.

8:40 a.m. Potential Topics for the Commission to Study

- Discussion about what process to follow. Last year’s process:
 - Members identified potential topics, stating the issue without discussion or debate. Identified which charter section would be affected. The goal was simply creating a list (already started at the July meeting).

- Staff used the list created to advise Commissioners whether any of the topics have been addressed previously by the Commissions or the Council. Also advised on topics that would not be within the Commission’s jurisdiction
 - Commissioners perform preliminary research to inform a future discussion and debate. (Written documentation and write-ups were helpful.)
 - Commissioners discussed and debated, then voted to select a limited number of topics that the Commission wanted to study and include in its next report.
 - Working groups were formed so that each group could study and discuss, then submit a report to the full Commission.
 - Discussion by the full Commission before adopting a majority recommendation, which was then converted into a written report.
- Using a flexible schedule
 - Some topics might be studied between now and June 2025. Other topics might be studied from June to December 2025.
 - Topics identified at July 2024 meeting
 - Additional topics?

9:20 a.m. – REPORT FROM STAFF

ADJOURN

REMINDER FOR NEXT MEETING

- Next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.