

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
6th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building

Commission Members Present:

Paul Bessel, Chair
Sharon Freeman, Vice-Chair
Wendy Cohen
Joshua Lipsky
Lawrence Lauer
Timothy Lighter
Randy McDonald
Angela Rey
Aryeh Shudofsky
Edward Wisneski

Staff:

Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney
Bonnie Kirkland, Office of the County Executive
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council
Justina Ferber, County Council
Josh Hamlin, County Council

Commission Members Absent:

Jennifer Hunt

Guests:

Barbara Braswell
Jonelle Williams

Commission Chair Paul Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

I. Administrative matters

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The minutes for the January 13, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Motion:

A motion was made, and passed, 10-0, to include the following language as recommendation for Charter amendment in the Commission's 2016 report to the County Council:

Sec. 205. Vacancy.

A vacancy in the office of County Executive shall exist upon the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of the County Executive. Unless the Council has provided by law for filling a vacancy by special election, the following process for filling a vacancy shall apply. [The] When a vacancy has occurred, the Council, by a vote of not less than five members, shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy within forty-five days of the vacancy.

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III. Discussion of possible next items for Commission study, and the drafting of the 2016 report to the County Council.

The Commission discussed possible items for future study, and the drafting of the 2016 Commission Report. The Commission will consider a draft of the report at its March 9 meeting.

IV. Next meeting

The next Charter Review Commission is scheduled for March 9, 2016 at 8:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.