

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2019**

Call to Order

The Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting convened at the Eastwing Conference Center, 3195 Main Street Rt. 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts and was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Committee Chair E. Suzanne McAuliffe.

Attendance

Present: Mary Chaffee, J. Terence Gallagher, Elizabeth Harder, Christopher Kanaga, James Killion, Suzanne McAuliffe, Brian O'Malley, Randi Potash, Patrick Princi, Linda Zuern.

Arrived Late: Susan Moran (arrived at 5:00 p.m.), Thomas O'Hara (arrived remote participation @ 5:00 p.m. due to distance).

Left Early: Thomas O'Hara (left remote participation @ 5:45 p.m.).

Absent: Lilli-Ann Green, Deborah McCutcheon, John Ohman.

Charter Counsel Robert Troy in attendance.

Other public officials were in attendance.

Approval of 10/16/19 CRC Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Brian O'Malley to approve the draft minutes. It was seconded. Unanimous.

Summary Discussion

The Chair provided committee a brief overview of the time frame associated with structural changes to the Charter and the proposals under consideration by the Charter Review Committee. Delegates participated in general discussion and weighed-in with opinions and suggestions on several proposals for structural change. Following the general discussion votes were taken by the committee on the following proposals brought forward:

Proposal #1:

Restructure the Executive Branch by eliminating Board of County Commissions and replace with a strong appointed County Administrator

Chair McAuliffe motioned and was seconded.

Voting YES: J. Terence Gallagher, Elizabeth Harder, James Killion, Suzanne McAuliffe, Susan Moran, Brian O'Malley, Randi Potash, Patrick Princi.

Voting NO: Mary Chaffee, Christopher Kanaga, Thomas O'Hara, Linda Zuern.

Passed: 8-4-0.

Proposal #2:

Increase the Board of Regional Commissioners from 3 to 5 members

Voting YES: Mary Chaffee, J. Terence Gallagher, Christopher Kanaga, Susan Moran, Brian O'Malley.

Voting NO: Elizabeth Harder, James Killion, Suzanne McAuliffe, Randi Potash, Patrick Princi, Linda Zuern.

Failed: 5-6-0.

Proposal #3:

Restructure county government with

- a strong county administrator elected by the population
- No Board of Regional Commissioners
- No Assembly of Delegates
- Replace Commissioners and Assembly with an 11 representative equal voter number districts

Voting YES: James Killion, Patrick Princi.

Voting NO: Mary Chaffee, J. Terence Gallagher, Elizabeth Harder, Christopher Kanaga, Suzanne McAuliffe, Susan Moran, Brian O'Malley, Randi Potash, Linda Zuern.

Failed: 2-9-0.

Proposal #4:

Restructure county government with

- a strong appointed county administrator
- No Board of Regional Commissioners
- No Assembly of Delegates
- Replace Commissioners and Assembly with an 11 representative equal voter number districts

Voting YES: Patrick Princi.

Voting NO: Mary Chaffee, J. Terence Gallagher, Elizabeth Harder, Christopher Kanaga, James Killion, Suzanne McAuliffe, Susan Moran, Brian O'Malley, Randi Potash, Linda Zuern.

Failed: 1-10-0.

Other proposals were suggested that did not move forward for a vote. Information related to various proposals and voting results will be communicated to the full Assembly for their consideration.

New Business

No new business was brought forward.

Next meeting

No future meeting date set.

Adjournment

Motion made by Susan Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Unanimous.

Submitted by:

**Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates**

List of materials used at the meeting:

- 11/6/19 CRC meeting notice and agenda
- 10/16/19 DRAFT CRC meeting minutes