

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
CHARTER RECALL PROVISION SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

Call to Order

The Charter Recall Provision Subcommittee meeting convened at the Eastwing Conference Center, 3195 Main Street Rt. 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Susan Moran.

Attendance

Present: Mary Chaffee, Elizabeth Harder, Deborah McCutcheon and Susan Moran.

Charter Counsel Robert Troy also in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 2/5/20

Motion made by Elizabeth Harder to approved meeting minutes of 2/5/20 as amended. It was seconded. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Summary of Continued Discussion Regarding Charter Draft Recall Provision Amendment and Extension of Assembly Delegate Term of Office

Chair Susan Moran asked Charter Counsel Troy to recap the status and process used by the committee to develop the current draft Recall Amendment under consideration.

Charter Counsel Robert Troy indicated that the current model under consideration by the committee proposes a Recall Amendment that works with a four year term concept for the Assembly of Delegates. There have been some concerns expressed with regards to changing the length of term for Assembly Delegates from two to four years.

Charter Counsel provided options that could be under consideration by the committee.

- The first option, and draft model currently under consideration by the committee, recommends a change of term from two to four years for Assembly Delegates.
- A second option could be considered to make no changes to the length of term for Assembly Delegates and allow the Recall Amendment to only apply to Commissioners.
- A third option could be considered to make the terms of both the Commissioners and Assembly Delegates two years.

Charter Counsel reminded the committee that the current Charter outlines the process and procedure to be used if an elected official resigns from office and this issue does not need to be addressed in the Recall Amendment.

Committee members were generally of the opinion that to be fair and balanced a recall amendment should apply to both branches of government. A concern was also expressed that a change of term from two to four years for an Assembly Delegate might represent an increase in responsibility and could translate to an increase in cost. Charter Counsel reminded the committee that there might be other Charter change recommendations under consideration by the Charter Review Committee but those will follow on the heels of the Recall Subcommittees recommendation.

Following discussion and review, committee members made suggestions to change the Draft Recall Amendment to further streamline, address inconsistencies, and improve clarity throughout the document. The Clerk in conjunction with Charter Counsel will make the changes as suggested and prepare a clean draft.

Motion made by Mary Chaffee to approve a final draft, as discussed with requested amendments, and forward to the Charter Review Committee for consideration. It was seconded. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Final draft of Recall Amendment will be attached to meeting minutes of 2/19/20 for ease of reference. Draft Recall Amendment will be forwarded to the Charter Review Committee Chairperson E. S. McAuliffe.

Next Meeting

No additional meeting dates are anticipated. Committee has concluded its charge and will report back to the Charter Review Committee with the Draft Recall Amendment as recommended.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mary Chaffee to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. It was seconded. Unanimous. 4-0-0.

Submitted by:

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

List of materials used at the meeting:

- **Recall Subcommittee Meeting Notice and Agenda for 2/19/20**
- **Unapproved Recall Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 2/5/20**
- **Draft Recall Amendment to the Charter for a Recall Ballot Question**