



County of Erie Charter Revision Commission

92 Franklin St., 4th Fl., Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting No. 1 – January 31, 2025

92 Franklin Street, Buffalo
Legislative Caucus Room

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Shawn Connolly

Members Present

Shawn Connolly
Dawn Snyder
Paul Joyce
Christopher Jacobs
William Schmidt
Scott Kroll
Frank Jacobson
Bob Penders
Matthew Kibler
Catherine Dempsey
Diane Benczkowski
Andrea O'Suilleabhain
Jack Bargensi
Gerald Paradise III
Jesse Simmons

Members Excused

Kenneth Kruly
Cedric Holloway

Actions

1. Commission authorized permission to allow presentation from Jessica Kulpit, Esq., counsel at the Erie County Legislature
 - a. Presentation included background regarding eligibility to serve, review of commission rules, examples from the 2016 Erie County Charter Revision Commission
2. Motion by Jesse Simmons to adopt 2025 Rules of Order
Second by William Schmid
Unanimously approved



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3. Motion by Jesse Simmons to nominate Matt Kibler as Vice Chair
Second by Catherine Dempsey
Unanimously approved
4. Motion by Dawn Snyder to nominate Cindi McEachon as Secretary
Second by Jesse Simmons
Unanimously approved
5. Motions regarding subcommittees
 - a. Motion by Frank Jacobson to approve Budget, Operations and Misc. subcommittee, second by Matthew Kibler -- unanimously approved

Chair - Gerald Paradise III
Ken Kruley
Christopher Jacobs
Bob Penders
Frank Jacobson
Paul Joyce

- b. Motion by Matthew Kibler to approve Legislature, other elected officials, boards and commission subcommittee, second by Jesse Simmons -- unanimously approved

Chair- Jesse Simmons
Scott Kroll
Andrea O Sulleabhain
William Schmid

- c. Motion by Paul Joyce to approve Executive and Departments subcommittee, second by Catherine Dempsey -- unanimously approved

Chair - Jack Bargensi
Catherine Dempsey
Cindi McEachon
Diane Benczkowski
Dawn Snyder

6. Motions by Dawn Snyder to allow for a press release with dates of upcoming meetings

Second by Paul Joyce



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Unanimously approved

Discussion

1. Creation of emails accounts for communication. Reminder all work with the commission is subject to FOIL
2. Establishment of subcommittees and names and chairs of each
3. Review of the proposed meeting scheduled – dates were agreed upon by all members. Questions regarding public comment period and attendance by commission members at all meetings, correction of typographically errors on April Commission Meeting, discussion of remote meetings
4. Discussion regarding commission service and review of how it operates. How to consider proposals, who to include in the process, what occurred in 2016.

Next Meeting

February 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. 92 Franklin Street, Legislative Caucus Room

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. with a motion by Paul Joyce, second by Frank Jacobson --unanimous approval