



County of Erie Charter Revision Commission

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

Meeting No. 3 –March 20, 2025

3349 Broadway
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Vice Chairman Matthew Kibler

Members Present

Kenneth Kruly
Matthew Kibler
Christopher Jacobs
Gerald Paradise III
Bob Penders
Lindsey Allen
Mitchell Snyder
William (Bill) Schmid
Scott Kroll
Paul G. Joyce
Chuck Eaton
Ryan Boling

Members Excused

Andrea O Súilleabháin

Members Not Present

Anthony Pendergrass
Jesse Simmons
Cedric Hollowy
William Miller
Shawn Connolley
Frank Jacobson

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Actions

1. Motion by Bill Schmid to approve the minutes
Second by Gerald Paradise, III
Unanimously approved

Discussion

1. Presentations from Town Elected Officials
 - a. Gary Dickson – Supervisor, Town of West Seneca
 - Public should be allowed to speak during Legislative Session – 30 minutes total, 3 minutes per person, every town board has a public session
 - Elected Officials should be subject to term limits
 - Citizen Initiative Reforms on Ballot should be permissible – many areas allow this method to bypass the Legislature- Suffolk County as an example; Close to half states allow citizen ballot initiative
 - Nothing that has already been voted upon in the public should be included in the Charter
 - b. Bob Leary- Supervisor, Town of Lancaster
 - Agrees with proposals by Gary Dickinson
 - Opposes Sales Tax Change -- notes it was previously voted upon
 - c. Brian Nowak – Supervisor, Town of Cheektowaga
 - Advocates for Citizen Initiative Voting
2. Floor open to all members of the commission for discussion; Question from Chris Jacobs about committee assignments from the public
3. Open for discussion regarding all recommendations privately received – none have been received, except what was circulated by Shawn

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4. Reports, Discussion from Subcommittees – Review of future meetings
 - Chair of Budget, Gerald Paradise, III – at their meeting they began discussion regarding recommendations that fall into their subcommittee
 - Executive – Bill Schmid – This committee is waiting on their public hearings and will take up discussion
 - Legislative – no chair report
5. Discussion regarding subcommittees with tentative deadlines for Chairs
6. General discussion/Review of all future meeting dates

Next Meeting

April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Hamburg Public Hearing, Hamburg Town Hall
6100 South Park Ave, Hamburg, NY 14075, following a public hearing

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.