



# County of Erie Charter Revision Commission

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

## Meeting No. 6 – May 12, 2025

92 Franklin Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo NY 14202

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Shawn Connolly

### Members Present

Jesse Simmons  
Kenneth Kruly  
Matthew Kibler  
Gerald Paradise III  
William Miller  
William (Bill) Schmid  
Frank Jacobson  
Scott Kroll  
Chuck Eaton  
Mitchell Snyder  
Paul Joyce  
Bob Penders  
Andrea O Súilleabháin  
Shawn Connolly  
Lindsay Allen  
Christopher Jacobs  
Ryan Boling

### Members Not Present

Anthony Pendergrass  
Cedric Holloway

### **Actions**

1. Motion by Bill Schmid to approve previous minutes (5.5.25)  
Second by Chuck Eaton  
Unanimously approved



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2. Motion by Mitchell Snyder to suspend the rules and allow for the commission to vote on recommendations 32 & 33 from Christopher Jacobs, the request for suspension due to extenuating circumstances regarding birth of this child

Second by Paul Joyce

Unanimous approved

**Recommendations 32 and 33 to be considered and voted upon**

\*\* this action was taken after votes concluded on 18-31\*\*

## Discussion

1. Shawn received communication from Unite New York on Friday May 9, 2025- similar/duplicative to communications previously received at the public hearing and available on the website
2. No commissioners received any other communications
3. Discussion regarding Chair's letter to the legislature
  - a. Commentary regarding adding language – make it clear to the legislature why the letter is being sent
  - b. Consider sending beyond County Legislators – include state officials
4. Votes on Recommendations 18 – 31

\*\* Voting by each commission member posted on the website\*\*\*

- 18) Motion by Frank Jacobson, Second by Mitchell Snyder  
7 yes – 10 no

**Recommendation does NOT go forward**

- 19) Motion by Chuck Eaton, Second by Gerald Paradise, III  
Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 20) Motion by Chuck Eaton to amend from Commission to Commissioner, Second by Gerald Paradise III

Vote on amendment - Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

Motion to vote by Chuck Eaton, Second by Gerald Paradise III

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 21) Motion to vote by Chuck Eaton, Second by Gerald Paradise III  
Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**



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- 22) Motion by Mitchell Snyder to amend to keep "ensure," and strike the word "and" from the last line, so it now reads "special development needs," second by Chuck Eaton

Vote on Amendment - Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

Motion to vote by Chuck Eaton, second by Gerald Paradise, III

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 23) Motion by Shawn Connolly to amend a typographical error to add a comma after commissions, before "as are"; now reading as "commissions, as are" Second by Frank Jacobson

Vote on Amendment- Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

Motion to vote by Chuck Eaton, Second by Gerald Paradise III

15 ayes, 2 nos (15-2)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 24) Motion by Frank Jacobson, second by Christopher Jacobs

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

*\*\* clarification everything underlined is to be stricken \*\**

- 25) Amendment by Gerald Paradise III to change Erie County Technical Institute to SUNY Erie County Community College, second by Chuck Eaton

Vote on the amendment - Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

Motion to vote Chuck Eaton, Second by Gerald Paradise III

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 26) Motion by Gerald Paradise III, Second by Chuck Eaton

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 27) Motion by Chuck Eaton, second by Gerald Paradise III

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

*\*\* clarification the word "by" will be stricken \*\**

- 28) Motion by Gerald Paradise III, second by Christopher Jacobs

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 29) Motion by Bill Schmid, second by Frank Jacobson

Unanimous in ayes (17-0)

**Recommendation goes forward**

- 30) Motion by Gerald Paradise III, second by Chuck Eaton

15 ayes, 2 nos (15-2)

**Recommendation goes forward**



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31) Withdrawn – no vote

32) Motion by Christopher Jacobs, second by Mitchell Snyder

8 ayes, 9 nos

**Recommendation does not go forward**

33) Motion to amend “to any political party” removing Democrat and Republican  
motion to amend by Christopher Jacobs, second by Paul Joyce

Vote on amendment unanimous

Motion by Christopher Jacobs, second by Paul Joyce

7 ayes, 10 nos

**Recommendation does not go forward**

Thank you to all commission members, community and elected officials for their time and efforts.

## **Adjournment**

End meeting at 7:31