

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

*COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING
1101 EAST FIRST STREET
SANFORD, FLORIDA
32771-1468*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2024

6:00 PM

BCC Chambers

Charter Review Commission

Call to Order/Roll Call**Present**

Angela R. Fleming, Colleen Hufford, Emily Tallman, Tom O' Hanlon, Michelle Smith, John Horan, Deborah Bauer, Nicole Martz, Marilyn E. Crotty, Robin Dehlinger, Russell "Rusty" Roberts, Scott Culp, Sean Barth, Carissa Lawhun, and John Richardson

Additional Attendees: Special Legal Counsel Senator David Simmons, County Attorney Kate Latorre, Assistant County Attorney Robby McHugh, Assistant County Manager Meloney Koontz, and Deputy Clerk Chariti Guevara.

Pledge of Allegiance

John Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. Minutes from Charter Review Commission Meeting on 6/6/2024 [2024-0860](#)

Motion by Scott Culp, seconded by Colleen Hufford, to approve the June 6, 2024, Charter Review Commission meeting minutes.

All in attendance voted AYE.

Public Comment

With regard to public participation, Linda Raden, Deanna Houston, and Cindy Haller spoke in support. No one else spoke and public input was closed.

Emails from the following were submitted: Damon Basco, Samantha Wongsuwan, Susan Shetler, Amber Finch, Jeff Abbott, and Patricia Hull.

Public Comment Form and Emails were received and filed.

Other Business

2. Consider the Second Amendment to Agreement Between Seminole County and DSK Law for Legal Services to the Charter Review Commission [2024-0864](#)

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by Scott Culp, to approve the Second Amendment to Agreement Between Seminole County and DSK Law for Legal Services to the Charter Review Commission.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

3. Verify and Approve DSK Law Monthly Invoice [2024-0863](#)

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by Sean Barth, to approve the DSK Law Monthly Invoice.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

4. Review and Consider for Adoption Resolution No. 1 Ballot Title: Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to transfer or change the [2024-0861](#)

use of Natural Lands

Motion by Deborah Bauer, seconded by Scott Culp, to adopt appropriate Resolution No. 1 Ballot Title: Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to transfer or change the use of Natural Lands.

All members in attendance voted AYE, with the exception of Tom O'Hanlon who voted NAY.

The motion passes by a majority.

5. Review and Consider for Adoption Resolution No. 2 Ballot Title: [2024-0862](#)
Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to remove lands from the County's Rural Area

Motion by Deborah Bauer, seconded by John Richardson, to adopt appropriate Resolution No. 2 Ballot Title: Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to remove lands from the County's Rural Area.

Under discussion, Attorney Simmons advised there was a scrivener's error in Section E, Definition. The word "the" should be added before the words "entire membership."

Motion by Rusty Russell, seconded by Emily Tallman, to add the word "the" before the words "entire membership" to correct the scrivener's error in Section E, Definition.

Scott Culp confirmed with Attorney Simmons that adding the word "the" does not change the meaning of the definition.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

There was discussion on the motion to adopt the resolution with the CRC members sharing their viewpoints on why they would be voting for or against the motion.

Emily Tallman, Deborah Bauer, Nicole Martz, Marilyn Crotty, Robin Dehlinger, Carissa Lawhun, John Richardson, and Angela Fleming voted AYE.

Rusty Roberts, John Horan, Michelle Smith, Tom O'Hanlon, Colleen Hufford, Sean Barth, and Scott Culp voted NAY.

The motion passes 8 to 7.

6. Consider a motion to grant the Chairman administrative authority to approve minutes, execute documents and any other administrative matters needing the action of the Charter Commission between now and ceasing to exist, and to call the Charter Commission back in session if need be. [2024-0901](#)

Motion by Michelle Smith, seconded by Tom O'Hanlon, to grant the Chairman administrative authority to approve minutes, execute documents and any other administrative matters needing the action of the Charter Commission between now and

ceasing to exist, and to call the Charter Commission back in session if need be.

Under discussion, Rusty Roberts inquired if they could amend the CRC's operating rules that were adopted at the formation of this Charter Review session to allow for virtual/remote meetings and allow members attending remotely to vote. County Attorney Kate Latorre advised it is not a Sunshine violation; however, it is negatively looked upon in Florida. As far as voting and quorum, the Florida Attorney General has opined on numerous occasions that physical attendance is required and virtual attendance and virtual voting should only happen in extenuating circumstances.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Marilyn Crotty reminded the members they are still bound under the Sunshine Law until the Charter Commission ceases to exist after the November election.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the CRC, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The audio for this meeting may be found at <https://share.seminoleclerk.org/index.php/s/A4mqZNzw5HJVlQt>. The link will be available until December 31, 2024. After which, a public records request for the audio may be made by contacting Seminole County Clerk of Courts Commission Records Office at 407-665-7663 or countycommissionrecords@seminoleclerk.org.