

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 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, and John Richardson
Absent	Scott Culp, Sean Barth, and Carissa Lawhun

Additional Attendees: Special Legal Counsel Senator David Simmons, Assistant County Manager Meloney Koontz, Senior Assistant County Attorney Desmond Morrell, and Deputy Clerk Chariti Guevara.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. Minutes from Charter Review Commission Meeting on 2/1/2024 [2024-0116](#)
Motion by Michelle Smith, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the February 1, 2024, Charter Review Commission meeting minutes.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Other Business

2. Review and Consider Possible Charter Amendments [2024-0117](#)
Discussion regarding the possible Charter amendments ensued.

Section 2.2(B) - Create an Independent Redistricting Commission

Motion by Marilyn Crotty to keep on the list Section 2.2(B) - Create an Independent Redistricting Commission.

The Chairman called for a second to the motion, without response, whereupon the motion died for lack of same.

Section 2.2(D) - Create a minimum dollar limit for when Economic Impact Statements are required

Mr. O'Hanlon clarified his recommendation was for a minimum dollar limit, not a maximum dollar limit as previously listed.

Senior Assistant County Attorney Desmond Morrell advised during the 2023 legislative session, there was new legislation that came out that would require all counties and cities to produce a business impact statement prior to passing an ordinance, which essentially mirrors what they have but is a little bit more detailed. He does not know if they want to pursue this when it's now codified at the state level.

Mr. O'Hanlon stated he would strike this recommendation from the list.

Section 2.2 A - term limits

Mr. Richardson suggested adding term limits to the list for consideration. He was not on the CRC when the list was formed. Chairman Horan suggested tabling this for now and wait until they finish discussing the other items on the list to decide if they are going to add additional items.

Motion by Colleen Hufford, seconded by Nicole Martz, to table discussion of this item.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Section 3.2 - Delete Seminole County School Board Elections

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, seconded by Michelle Smith, to keep on the list Section 3.2 - Delete Seminole County School Board Elections.

Ms. Smith withdrew her second after discussion and clarification of the motion.

The Chairman called for a second to the motion, without response, whereupon the motion died for lack of same.

Section 4.2(B)(1) - Add alternate appointments to the CRC

Ms. Crotty advised she was withdrawing this recommendation from the list.

Section 4.2(B) - Change the requirement for CRC meeting every six years to every ten years

Chairman Horan passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Smith.

Motion by John Horan, seconded by Marilyn Crotty, to keep on the list Section 4.2(B) - Change the requirement for CRC meeting from every six years to every ten years.

John Richardson, Emily Tallman, Robin Dehlinger, Marilyn Crotty, and Rusty Roberts voted AYE.

Tom O'Hanlon, Angela Fleming, Colleen Hufford, Deborah Bauer, Michelle Smith, John Horan, and Nicole Martz voted NAY.

Motion fails 7 to 5.

The gavel was returned to Chairman Horan.

Section 5.1 - Casino Gambling

Attorney Simmons updated the CRC on his research regarding casino gambling.

Motion by Tom O'Hanlon, seconded by John Richardson, to table this recommendation until Mr. Simmons can get further information regarding pending HB189 and SB1046.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Section 5.2(B) - Rural Boundary removal by voters with 50% plus one (simple majority)

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, seconded by Deborah Bauer, to keep on the list Section 5.2(B) - Rural Boundary removal by voters with 50% plus one (simple majority).

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Section 5.2(C) - change of density or intensity in rural areas changed by a super majority vote of the BCC

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, seconded by Deborah Bauer, to keep on the list Section 5.2(C) - change of density or intensity in rural areas changed by a super majority vote of the BCC.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

New Section - County-owned parks, trails, and conservation areas cannot be sold, leased, or converted without 60% approval by voters

Motion by Marilyn Crotty, second by Deborah Bauer, to keep on the list for further discussion New Section - County-owned parks, trails, and conservation areas cannot be sold, leased, or converted without 60% approval by voters.

Colleen Hufford, Emily Tallman, Michelle Smith, Deborah Bauer, Nicole Martz, Marilyn Crotty, John Richardson, and Robin Dehlinger voted AYE.

Tom O'Hanlon, John Horan, Rusty Roberts, and Angela Fleming voted NAY.

Motion passes 8 to 4.

Section 5.4 - Create an ethics commission and ethics officer

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The following items were removed from the list:

- Section 2.2(B) - Create an Independent Redistricting Commission
- Section 2.2(D) - Create a minimum dollar limit for when Economic Impact Statements are required

- Section 3.2 - Delete Seminole County School Board Elections
- Section 4.2(B)(1) - Add alternate appointments to the CRC
- Section 4.2(B) - Change the requirement for CRC meeting every six years to every ten years

The following items remain on the list:

- Section 5.2(B) - Rural Boundary removal by voters with 50% plus one (simple majority)
- Section 5.2(C) - change of density or intensity in rural areas changed by a super majority vote of the BCC
- New Section - County-owned parks, trails, and conservation areas cannot be sold, leased, or converted without 60% approval by voters (for further discussion)

The following items will be discussed at the next meeting:

- Section 2.2 A - Term Limits
- Section 5.1 - Casino Gambling
- Section 5.4 - Create an ethics commission and ethics officer
- Additional Recommendations

Public Comment

Valerie Shulz and Deb Carswell both spoke regarding their viewpoints of some of the recommendations.

Public Comment Forms were received and filed.

Next scheduled meeting date

Mr. Morrell announced this is his last meeting. He has accepted a new role in Orange County. The CRC members thanked and congratulated Mr. Morrell.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the CRC, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m., this same date.