



Charter Review Commission  
Pinellas County  
September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Pinellas County Charter Review Commission (CRC), CC30o31a96-a, by BCC Regular Session at 065  
Pinellas County Communications Building, 3

Present

Brian Aungst, Jr., Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee  
(Commissioner Chris Latvala), Chair  
Linsey Grove, Public At-Large Citizen Appointee, Vice-Chair  
Anne-Marie Brooks, Municipal Elected Official Appointee  
Richard Butler, BCC Appointee (Commissioner Kathleen Peters)  
Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County State Legislative Delegation Appointee  
Dave Eggers, County Commissioner, BCC Appointee  
Todd Jennings, Public At-Large Citizen Appointee  
Terri Lipsey Scott, BCC Appointee (Commissioner René Flowers) (appeared virtually)  
Ashley Overend, BCC Appointee (Commissioner Brian Scott)  
Rob Posavec, BCC Appointee (Commissioner Dave Eggers)  
Tom Steck, BCC Appointee (Commissioner Charlie Justice)  
Mark Strickland, BCC Appointee (Commissioner Janet Long)  
Mike Twitty, Property Appraiser, Constitutional Officers Appointee

Others Present

Nancy McKibben, County Staff Liaison, Assistant to the County Administrator  
Wade Vose, Esquire, Vose Law Firm, CRC Legal Counsel  
Doug Thomas, Strategic Government Resources, Inc.  
Katie Poviones, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk  
Other interested individuals

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aungst called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed the members.

ROLL CALL

At the Chair's request, those in attendance introduced themselves.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to the Chair's call for public comment, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

## REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2023, MEETING

Senator DiCeglie made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.

## BACKGROUND/HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION:

### CRC Member Email Addresses

Mr. Thomas confirmed that the members have set up their CRC emails.

### CRC Member Responsibilities regarding communication, requests, and materials

Mr. Thomas indicated that emails received by the members on potential topics for discussion should be forwarded to him to be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

### General CRC Email Address

Mr. Thomas related that the general email address, charter.review@pinellas.gov, is available to members of the public.

### CRC Website and Meeting/Agenda Process

Mr. Thomas indicated that the CRC website identifies upcoming meeting dates, which also appear on the County's calendar system, and contains links to the documents, agendas, meeting videos, and other information.

Mr. Thomas related that it was the consensus of the CRC at the last meeting that the four CRC meetings would be held in the Palm Room on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meeting/Agenda Process (es)4 qu0.

### Operating Rules/Procedures and information regarding public participation

Mr. Thomas indicated that the CRC previously voted to allow member participation remotely under certain

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- x Article V, Section 5.02. Special laws – review the list of protected boards, authorities, districts, and councils, and confirm whether other subsequently enacted Special Act districts are already protected or need to be added
- x Article VI, Section 6.05. Reconstitution of 2004 CRC – review
- x Maintain a running tab of cleanup items
- x Discuss defining and generalizing Special Districts created by act of the Legislature instead of listing them
- x Article IV, Section 4.01. County administrator – substitute pronouns with position title
- x Article VI, Sections 6.01 and 6.02 – explore charter amendments relating to special tax referendums
- x Article VI, Section 6.02. Charter initiative – obtain information about what other similarly-situated counties have in place
- x Article IV, Section 4.01. County administrator (c)(3) – clarify whether the BCC can veto termination of unclassified positions
- x Review consolidation of public services
- x Article IV, Section 4.02. County attorney – discuss adding language about hiring and termination
- x Require the County Administrator to be an elected position

In response to Mr. Thomas’s request for clarification, Chair Aungst provided a proposed order for addressing items on future agendas. In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Thomas indicated that he would also solicit ideas from the County Attorney’s Office.

OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETINGS

Earlier in the meeting, the upcoming meeting dates were confirmed.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aungst adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

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