



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

CHARTER

REVIEW COMMISSION

2018

REPORT

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
2017-2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772**

April 1, 2018

The Honorable Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

The Honorable Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive
Wayne K. Curry Building
1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 4000
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Glaros and County Executive Baker:

The 2017-2018 Prince George's County Charter Review Commission ("Commission") has completed its work and herewith submits its report and recommendations. The members of the Commission believe that the recommendations provide fair and reasonable Charter amendments greatly benefitting the residents of Prince George's County.

As you are aware, members serving on the Commission are highly qualified and represent both the public and private sectors. The Commission met six times during the period of January, 2018 through March, 2018. It undertook an extensive review of the Prince George's County Charter ("Charter"). Most notably, the Commission studied the work of prior Charter review bodies, invited governmental officials to offer ideas and suggestions, and solicited input from the public at a public hearing and through regular Commission meetings that were advertised and open to the public.

The Commission focused its efforts on strengthening individual rights and anti-discrimination laws, empowering the County Auditor to conduct investigations related to fraud, waste and abuse by government officials and employees, and revising the Charter to reflect gender neutral language. These Charter amendments, if implemented, will have a significant and positive impact on the County.

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In closing, the Commission looks forward to your acceptance of and concurrence with the Commission's recommendations.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Camille A. Exum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Camille A. Exum
Chair

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Acknowledgements

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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In 1968, a Charter Board was elected to prepare and present to the citizens of Prince George's County a proposed County Charter. The Charter, which established a new form of government for Prince George's County, was approved by the voters on November 3, 1970, and took effect on December 3, 1970. The County's five commissioners who were elected in November 1970 immediately became At-Large Council Members. On January 26, 1971, the first County Executive and six additional Council Members were elected, by a County-wide vote, one to serve At-Large and five to serve in Districts.

There have been numerous amendments of the Charter since its adoption. However, only a limited number of formal reviews have been conducted. Over the last 40 years, and as provided for in Section 506 of the Charter, the County Council and the County Executive have created citizen advisory boards to review the Charter. The scope of these reviews varied.

In 1972, after only two years of operation as a newly formed Charter County, sections of the Charter were under litigation for being in violation of public general law. In 1973, CR-2-1973 created a committee with the express purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of these and other Charter provisions. In 1979, CR-2-1979 created a Charter Review Commission to deal exclusively with County Council representation. Specifically, it was charged with determining the "ideal" size and method for electing the County Council. The Council structure was amended by a 1980 charter change to a nine member body elected by and serving individual Districts. A 1983 task force was appointed to evaluate former Section 817B, now Section 812, most commonly known as TRIM, and make recommendations for modifications, if necessary.

On January 16, 2001, CR-1-2001 established the 2001 Charter Review Commission which made recommendations to the County Executive and County Council. In 2002, Section 1106 of the Charter was ratified by the voters on November 5, 2002, and provided that on or before July 1, 2005, and each fourth year thereafter, the County Council and the County Executive shall appoint, by resolution, a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending changes, where appropriate.

Beginning with the 2005-2006 Charter Review Commission, each subsequent Charter Review Commission undertook a comprehensive review of the Charter in its entirety. Each Commission worked in work groups or subcommittees and made recommendations on administrative and legislative matters, fiscal and budget matters, and on contracting and personnel. The 2005-2006 Charter Review Commission was created by CR-57-2005. The 2010 Charter Review Commission was established by CR-60-2009 and CR-7-2010 and made

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recommendations regarding performance management, contracts, and compensation. CR-64-2013 and CR-103-2013 established the 2013-2014 Charter Review Commission.

The 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission was established by CR-55-2017 and, as past Charter Review Commissions, made recommendations on administrative and legislative matters, fiscal and budget matters, and on contracting and personnel. The current Commission's report and recommendations are included herein.

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The 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission reviewed all Articles in the Charter during its deliberations. Several County agency heads submitted comments and appeared in person before the Commission. All meetings of the Commission were advertised and open to the public. A public hearing was advertised and was held in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The Commission established three Subcommittees to focus on various portions of the Charter. Administrative and Legislative matters were reviewed by Commissioner Earl Adams, Jr., Esq. and Commissioner Joseph R. Hamlin, Esq., Budget and Fiscal matters were reviewed by Commissioner Rosie Allen-Herring and Commissioner M.H. Jim Estep, and Contracting and Personnel matters were reviewed by Commissioner Dr. Jacqueline L. Brown and Commissioner Thomas H. Graham. Chair Camille A. Exum participated in each of the Subcommittees. This Subcommittee process did not preclude any member of the Commission from proposing amendments to any section of the Charter.

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(1) Section 201. Equal Protection and Nondiscrimination.

Recommendation: The Charter contains three specific anti-discrimination provisions addressing: individual rights (Charter Section 201); nondiscrimination in contractual employment (Charter Section 604); and nondiscrimination within the County Personnel System (Charter Section 901). The Commission recommends that each of these Charter Sections should contain the same protections. The Commission recommends that Charter Section 201 be amended to delete “(except as required by State or federal law)”, which is unnecessary. The addition of “marital and familial status” is consistent with County law to ensure nondiscrimination regardless of whether an individual is married, or not, or has children or dependents, or not. The replacement of the language “physical or mental handicap” with “disability” is consistent with modern terminology and is more encompassing of all facets of the disabled community.

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws. No person shall be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age [(**except as required by State or federal law**)], sexual orientation, **marital status, familial status,** or [**physical or mental handicap,**] **disability** in such a way that such person is adversely affected in the areas of housing and residential real estate, employment, law enforcement, education, financial lending, public accommodations, or commercial real estate.

(2) Section 304. Council Districts.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends revising the language in Charter Section 304 to embody an excerpt of text from Section 305, and applying it to districts, and expressly adding that the nine Council districts are “compact, contiguous, and equal in population.”

(a) Prince George's County is hereby divided into nine Council districts **that are compact, contiguous, and equal in population.**

(b) The boundaries of the Council districts shall be established pursuant to the provisions of Section 305 of this Charter prior to the filing dates for the 1982 General Election to become effective on noon of the first Monday in December, 1982.

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(3) Section 308. Compensation.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends clarifying that membership on the Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining compensation.

The compensation of Council members may be changed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council. Not later than December 15 of the last year of each term, a compensation review board shall be appointed by the Council and the County Executive to study the rate of current compensation for Council members and the County Executive and make a recommendation regarding the amount of compensation. **Membership on the Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining compensation.** The board shall issue its recommendation not later than the following February 15. The Council may, within ninety days of the receipt of the compensation review board's recommendation, amend the recommendation by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full Council; otherwise the recommendation shall stand approved. Any increase or decrease in compensation which becomes law during one term of office shall not become effective before the next term.

(4) Section 313. Office of Audits and Investigations.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends that the County Auditor be appointed and serve a five year term, which is renewable, commencing on January 1, 2019, and each fifth year thereafter. The County Auditor may be removed for cause. The Commission recommends that the language in this Charter Section reflect that not all agencies receive a complete financial audit for the preceding fiscal year. The Commission recommends that the County Auditor be empowered to conduct investigations related to fraud, waste and abuse by the County Executive, Council Members or other county officials and employees.

There shall be an Office of Audits and Investigations, under the supervision and direction of a County Auditor who shall be appointed by the Council. The County Auditor shall **serve at the pleasure of the Council and shall** receive such compensation as the Council may determine. **The County Auditor shall serve a term of five years commencing on January 1, 2019, and each fifth year thereafter. The County Auditor appointment may be renewed for additional five-year terms. The Auditor shall remain until a successor is appointed and qualifies. The County Auditor may be removed for cause.** The Auditor shall **[, not later than after the close of each fiscal year,]** prepare and submit to the Council and to the County Executive a complete financial audit for the preceding fiscal year of **selected [all]** agencies that receive or disburse County funds. Upon recommendation by the Auditor that a State audit in a given year is adequate, the Council may, by resolution, exempt from County audit an agency whose entire records, accounts, and affairs are completely audited each year by or with the

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approval of the State of Maryland or an independent audit by a qualified independent certified public accountant. Any such resolution of exemption from audit shall be limited to a period of not more than one year. In addition to the annual audit, either the Council or the County Executive may at any time order a special audit of the accounts of any agency receiving or disbursing County funds, and upon the death, resignation, removal or expiration of the term of any County administrative officer, the Auditor shall cause a special audit to be made of the accounts maintained by the officer, and by his agency. If, as a result of any audit, an officer shall be found to be indebted to the County, the County Executive shall proceed forthwith to collect the indebtedness. In the event that the County Executive shall be found to be indebted to the County, the Council shall proceed forthwith to collect the indebtedness. **The County Auditor is empowered to conduct investigations related to fraud, waste and abuse by the County Executive, Council members or other county officials and employees.** The Auditor is also empowered to conduct necessary audits of any agency which is the recipient of funds appropriated or approved by the Council whenever he deems it appropriate. No employee or official of the County shall interfere with, threaten with disciplinary action, or otherwise attempt to restrain an employee of the County from providing information to the County Auditor, nor shall any adverse action be taken against such employee. Any adverse action taken within twelve (12) months after the employee has provided information to the County Auditor shall be presumed to be retaliatory, which presumption may be rebutted only by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. Any audit, including performance audits, special audits, and State audits which form the basis for an exemption by the Council from a County audit, shall be published in suitable form and made available to the public at reasonable hours at the Office of Audits and Investigations. All records and files pertaining to the receipt and expenditure of County funds by all officers, agents, and employees of the County and all agencies thereof, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the County Auditor. The Auditor shall promptly call to the attention of the Council and the County Executive any irregularity or improper procedure which he may discover. The County Auditor shall have the power to administer oaths, to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to require the production of records and other materials in connection with any audit, investigation, inquiry, or hearing authorized by law or by this Charter. The Council shall have the power to implement the provisions of this section and to assign additional functions, duties, and personnel to the County Auditor.

(5) Section 505. Temporary Administrative Appointments.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends limiting the amount of time an individual may be temporarily appointed, absent some affirmative Council action, without an intervening permanent appointment.

During the temporary absence of the Chief Administrative Officer or the head of an agency of the executive branch, or if such position shall become vacant, the County Executive shall

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make a temporary appointment to fill such position. No person shall serve as Acting Chief Administrative Officer or acting head of any agency for a period longer than sixty calendar days. Such limit may be extended an additional four calendar months by resolution of the Council. **An individual may be temporarily appointed to fill a vacancy, no more than one year, without an intervening permanent appointment.**

(6) Section 1106. Charter Review.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends that the Charter Review Commission shall be appointed no later than one year prior to the beginning of the fourth year of a term and shall convene at the Chair's discretion.

[On or before July 1, 2005, and] **Commencing not later than one year prior to the beginning of** each fourth year **of a term [thereafter]**, the County Council and the County Executive shall appoint, by resolution, a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending changes, where appropriate. **The Charter Review Commission shall commence its work at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission.**

(7) Prince George's County Charter - Selected Provisions

Recommendation: The Commission recommends that gender specific language be replaced with gender neutral language in the text of the Charter. There are ninety seven instances of use of gender specific language that are located throughout the Charter that need to be replaced.

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(1) Section 815. Supplementary Appropriations; Staffing Level Increases.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends that the text "in each grade" be removed from this Charter section. As amended, an agency may exceed the number of positions in a grade but may not exceed the number of positions as approved in the operating budget without the prior approval of the Council.

(a) During any fiscal year, the Council, upon recommendation of the County Executive, may, by resolution, make additional or supplementary appropriations from unexpended and unencumbered funds set aside for contingencies in the County budget, and from Federal, State or private grants which were not included in the budget for the current fiscal year, and may, by legislative act, make additional or supplementary appropriations from revenue received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates therefor, from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for the current fiscal year and from any prior year available and uncommitted fund balance.

(b) During any fiscal year, no agency of County government may exceed the number of positions [**in each grade**] for that agency as approved in the operating budget without the prior approval of the Council.

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(1) Section 603. Competitive Bidding.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends clarifying the text regarding “sealed proposals or bids”. The Commission recommends replacing the word “deputy” with “designee”, relating to directing the opening of sealed proposals or bids for emergency purchases and those regarding services or material and equipment of a noncompetitive nature. The Commission further recommends changing the period of waiting from opening the bids, from one week to two weeks, that a purchase or contract shall be made or awarded. The Commission also recommends removing language for garbage and refuse collection contracts for the negotiations of extensions of “existing contracts for garbage and refuse collection, without competitive bidding, upon such terms and for such duration as the Council may by law prescribe”.

Any single purchase or contract under the jurisdiction of the County Purchasing Agent and involving an expenditure in excess of such amount(s) as may be established by legislative act of the County Council, except emergency purchases and those involving services or material and equipment of a noncompetitive nature as may be defined and governed by the rules and regulations mentioned in Section 602 of this Charter, shall be made from or let by [**sealed bids or proposals**] **sealed proposals or bids** publicly opened after public notice for such period and in such manner as the County Purchasing Agent or his authorized [**deputy**] **designee** shall determine. Such purchases and contracts shall be made from or awarded to the responsive and responsible bid that is most favorable to the County with respect to technical requirements and costs. A security or bond for the performance of work as determined by the County's Purchasing Agent may be required for purchases and contracts. No such purchase or contract shall be made or awarded within a period of [**one**] **two** [**week**] **weeks** from the date of the public opening of bids. In all cases, the County shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids. No contract or purchase shall be subdivided to avoid the requirements of this section. [Anything to the contrary of this Section 603 notwithstanding, the Council may authorize the County Purchasing Agent to negotiate extensions of existing contracts for garbage and refuse collection, without competitive bidding, upon such terms and for such duration as the Council may by law prescribe; provided, however, that any such law shall require the County Purchasing Agent to poll the residents of the service area covered by a collection contract, and shall provide that the County Purchasing Agent not conclude any agreement for an extension unless a certain number of the residents of the service area, as prescribed by the Council, indicate their concurrence in the extension.]

(2) Section 604. Nondiscrimination in Employment.

Recommendation: The Charter contains three specific anti-discrimination provisions addressing: individual rights (Charter Section 201); nondiscrimination in contractual

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employment (Charter Section 604); and nondiscrimination within the County Personnel System (Charter Section 901). The Commission recommends that each of these Charter Sections should contain the same protections. The Commission recommends that Charter Section 604 be amended to add “age, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, or disability” to make this Charter Section consistent with the other anti-discrimination provisions.

No contractor who is the recipient of County funds shall discriminate in employment because of religion, race, color, sex, [or] national origin, age, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, or disability. The Council shall enact furthering legislation to implement the provisions of this section.

(3) Section 901. The Personnel System.

Recommendation: The Charter contains three specific anti-discrimination provisions addressing: individual rights (Charter Section 201); nondiscrimination in contractual employment (Charter Section 604); and nondiscrimination within the County Personnel System (Charter Section 901). The Commission recommends that each of these Charter Sections should contain the same protections. The Commission recommends that Charter Section 901 be amended to add the terms “age, marital status, and familial status to make this Charter Section consistent with the other anti-discrimination provisions.

Except for those in exempt positions, the Council shall provide by law for a personnel system governing the appointment and removal of employees, and other personnel procedures for employees in the County government. The personnel system shall insure that personnel actions are based upon merit and fitness, and that no employee or applicant for employment shall be discriminated against in any personnel action by reason of race, color, religion, age, disability, creed, sex, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or country of national origin.

(4) Section 906. Personnel Board.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends the removal of gender specific references in this Charter Section.

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There shall be a Personnel Board consisting of five qualified voters of the County. Members of the Personnel Board shall be appointed by the County Executive for terms coterminous with [his] the County Executive and confirmed by the Council. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of original appointment. Each member shall serve until [his] a successor is appointed and qualified. A member of the Board may be removed only for cause by the County Executive, subject to approval by the Council. The County Executive shall designate a member of the Board as chair[man].

(5) Section 907. Powers and Duties of the Personnel Board.

Recommendation: The Commission recommends the replacement of the term "Personnel Officer" with "Director of Human Resources Management", as the term is an outdated reference.

The Personnel Board shall have the power and the duty: (1) to recommend to the Council rules and regulations which shall have the force of law upon adoption by the Council; (2) to hear appeals from employees in the classified service concerning any action of the Director of Human Resources Management [Personnel Officer] or the appointing authority of the employee, except that the Personnel Board shall not grant relief to employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement authorized by Section 908 of this Charter where that collective bargaining agreement contains a procedure which can provide a remedy to the employee. After a hearing, which shall be public if so requested by the aggrieved employee, the Personnel Board may issue such order as it finds proper by the facts presented in the case. All data pertinent to the decision shall be subject to the scrutiny of the aggrieved party or his attorney; (3) to hear and decide for the County appeals from employees concerning any action pertaining to the methods of examination, certification, or preparation of eligibility lists for appointment or promotion; (4) to advise and consult, as appropriate, with County officials on matters concerning the administration of the County career service and personnel rules and regulations and to report to the County Executive and the Council on the operation of the personnel system; and (5) to carry out such other functions as may be assigned by law. In case of any appeal to the Personnel Board, its decision shall be final on all parties concerned and may not be appealed to any other administrative board. Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Personnel Board may, within thirty calendar days, appeal a decision to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County. Such appeal shall be limited to errors of jurisdiction, errors of law, and clear abuse of discretion by the Personnel Board.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-55-2017
Proposed by Council Member Davis
Introduced by Council Member Davis
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction June 20, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission

3 For the purpose of establishing a Charter Review Commission to undertake a comprehensive
4 study of the Charter and recommending appropriate changes to the County Charter, and
5 generally relating to the Charter Review Commission.

6 WHEREAS, Section 1106 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland provides
7 that the County Council and the County Executive shall appoint, by resolution, a Charter Review
8 Commission; and

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
10 County, Maryland, that a 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission is hereby created.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission shall
12 consist of seven (7) citizens, three (3) appointed by the County Executive and three (3) appointed
13 by the County Council and one (1) Chairperson who shall be jointly agreed upon by the County
14 Executive and the Chairperson of the County Council.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission shall
16 consist of the following seven citizens: Earl Adams, Jr., Esquire, Dr. Jacqueline L. Brown, M.H.
17 Jim Estepp, appointed by the County Council, Rosie Allen-Herring, Thomas H. Graham, Joseph
18 R. Hamlin, appointed by the County Executive; and Chairperson Camille A. Exum, jointly
19 agreed upon by the County Executive and the Chairperson of the County Council.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appointees to the 2017-2018 Charter Review
21 Commission will also serve as members of the 2017-2018 Compensation Review Board.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission shall

23 undertake a comprehensive study of the provisions of the Charter of Prince George's County
24 seeking extensive public comment, and shall make recommendations to the County Executive
25 and County Council as to proposed amendments to the Charter by April 1, 2018.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council shall provide appropriate staff and
27 clerical support for the 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2017.

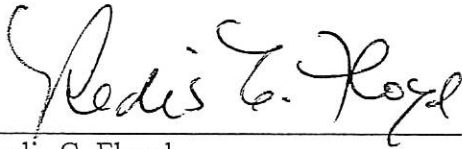
COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:



Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:



Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE:

6-23-2017

BY:



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/20/2017

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CR-055-2017

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Davis

Sponsor(s): Davis

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2017-2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION for the purpose of establishing a Charter Review Commission to undertake a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending appropriate changes to the County Charter, and generally relating to the Charter Review Commission.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Karen T. Zavakos, Legislative and Zoning Counsel
Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/20/2017	COW	Favorably recommended	County Council

Action Text:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Glaros, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Patterson, Taveras and Toles

Nay: 1 Lehman

Absent: 1 Turner

06/20/2017	County Council	introduced and referred	COW
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Action Text:

This Resolution was introduced by Council Member Davis and referred to the Committee of the Whole

06/20/2017	County Council	adopted	
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Taveras, seconded by Vice Chair Glaros, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Patterson, Taveras and Toles

Nay: 1 Lehman

Absent: 1 Turner

06/23/2017 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Resolution was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution establishes the 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending appropriate changes to the County Charter. Section 1106 of the County Charter requires that on or before July 1, 2005, and each fourth year thereafter, the County Council and the County Executive shall appoint, by resolution, a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending changes, where appropriate. This resolution will appoint the members of the Charter Review Commission in accordance with the legal prescriptions of the County Charter.

Document(s): R2017055, CR-55-2017 AIS

**Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland
2015 Edition, 2016 Supplement**

Section 1106. Charter Review.

On or before July 1, 2005, and each fourth year thereafter, the County Council and the County Executive shall appoint, by resolution, a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive study of the Charter and recommending changes, where appropriate.

(Amended, CB-71-2002, ratified Nov. 5, 2002)

