

**Charter Review Commission
Board of County Commissioners
Subcommittee Meeting
August 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Charter Review Commission Board of County Commissioners Subcommittee was held at Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on August 4, 2021.

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

William Abbatematteo, Chair

Richard Pitz

Absent Members:

Donna Peterman

Jeff Anlauf

Citizens Present:

None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Chairman William Abbatematteo.

Agenda Items:

I. Citizens Input – None

II. New Business:

a. Ground Rules for Public Input: Discussed Input versus Presentation and the committee member's philosophy of Public Input and decided on the following Rules:

1. Must be related to our purview and be written and signed if evidence is a document.
2. Introduction of new ideas in writing with supporting documents or evidence.
3. Explain how your idea would benefit the people.
4. Chair will have discretion as to amount of time given to speaker.
5. Citizen should give verbal overview and submit longer documents

b. Issues to Consider:

1. Number of Commissioners and How Elected
2. Term Limits on all Elected Officials

3. Economic Development Director reporting to County Commission or Administrator
4. County Administrator Elected or Appointed
5. Partisan Elections
6. Citizens Initiatives and New Ordinances/time frames
7. Code of Ethics/Citizens Rights/Whistleblower language
8. Citizen Referendum for Casino/Gambling (State says has the right)
9. Should the School Board Financials/Budget come to the County for approval? (Check if Florida Law prevents with Legal).
10. Can the County impose Home Rule on City or Political Subdivision? (Check with legal).

Questions to ask our Attorney: Does Florida Law allow us to make Charter Changes that can be binding on:

1. School Board
2. Political Subdivision

The committee discussed protocol about contacting our attorney and decided that Chair Abbatematteo will send a request for approval to contact our Attorney to the Commission Chair through Administration Assistant, Andrea Yerger.

Approved by consensus to have Chair Abbatematteo contact Attorney Rob Berntsson regarding committee questions and invite him to attend the next meeting, if appropriate.

c. Questions to Ask – Tabled until the next meeting. Committee is asked to review prior year's sub-committee questions before the next meeting and be prepared to discuss and choose questions or create new questions to include for this year's interviews.

III. Discussion – Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

- Agenda –
- a. Questions and Answers from Attorney
 - b. Final Issues to Discuss
 - c. Questions to Ask

Meeting Dates -

August 18 or 25 (depending on room availability) at 11:00 a.m.

September 2 @ 11:00 a.m.

September 15 or 22 (depending on room availability) at 11:00 a.m.

IV. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:36 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th at 11:00 a.m.



William Abbatematteo, Chairman Date
Board of County Commissioners Sub-committee