

Orange County Government

*Orange County Administration Center
201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

6:00 PM

District 1 - Dr. Phillips High School

2020 Charter Review Commission

CRC Members:

Camille Evans, Chair

Carmen Torres, Vice Chair

*James R. Auffant–Jack Douglas–Russell Drake–John E. Fauth–Matthew Klein–
Jeffrey A. Miller–Nikki Mims–Samuel Vilchez Santiago–Soraya Smith–
Lee Steinhauer–Eugene Stoccardo–Anthony (Tony) Suarez–Dotti Wynn*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: 11 - Member Camille Evans, Member Carmen Torres, Member Jack Douglas, Member Russell Drake, Member John E. Fauth, Member Matthew Klein, Member Samuel Vilchez Santiago, Member Soraya Smith, Member Lee Steinhauer, Member Eugene Stoccardo, and Member Dotti Wynn

Absent: 4 - Member James R. Auffant, Member Jeffrey A. Miller, Member Nikki Mims, and Member Anthony (Tony) Suarez

Others present:

CRC General Counsel Cliff Shepard
Deputy Clerk Katie Smith
Senior Minutes Coordinator Noelia Perez

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Comment

The following persons addressed the CRC for public comment:

- Emmett O'Dell
- Jodi Jessop
- Trini Quiroz

II. Consent Item

- A. CRC-20-047** Approval and execution of the minutes of the July 10, 2019 District 6 Public Hearing of the Charter Review Commission (CRC).

A motion was made by Vice Chair Torres, seconded by Member Wynn, to approve and execute the Minutes of July 10, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Member Evans, Member Torres, Member Douglas, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Absent: 4 - Member Auffant, Member Miller, Member Mims, and Member Suarez

III. Discussion Items

- A. CRC-20-048** Proposed Charter Review Topic - Unlicensed Contractor Activity within Incorporated Orange County

This discussion item was continued during the Public Hearing held on July 10, 2019. At that time, a request was made to amend the Orange County Charter to provide authority to the County to enter into Interlocal agreements with cities to enforce unlicensed contractor activity in incorporated Orange County. The CRC tabled discussion to allow time for the Orange County

Attorney's Office to opine on its existing authority concerning the topic.

General Counsel Shepard advised the commission that the Orange County Attorney's Office maintains that there are currently no restrictions for entering into Interlocal agreements with incorporated Orange County. Specifically, Chapter 489.13 (7), F. S. provides that local governments may seek civil and/or criminal penalties. The County pursues both, as appropriate.

Chair Evans called on the CRC for a motion to establish the Unlicensed Contractor Activity within Orange County as an evaluation topic for the 2020 CRC. Discussion ensued. No motion was made.

B. CRC-20-049 Proposed Charter Review Topic - Ethics for Appointing Lobbyist to Citizen Boards and Commissions: Prohibition

General Counsel Shepard presented the topic of Ethics for Appointing Lobbyists to Citizen Boards and Commissions. Counsel acknowledged supporting materials submitted to the CRC for today's meeting, and further recognized there are no restrictions specifically prohibiting the appointment of registered lobbyists to serve on an Orange County board or commission. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Stoccardo, seconded by Member Vilchez Santiago to have the Ethics for Appointing Lobbyist to Citizen Boards and Commissions established as an evaluation topic for the 2020 CRC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Vilchez Santiago, Member Smith, Member Stoccardo, Member Torres

Nay: 4 - Member Douglas, Member Evans, Member Steinhauer, Member Wynn

Absent: 4 - Member Auffant, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Suarez

A motion was made by Member Stoccardo, seconded by Member Smith, to create a CRC committee on ethics to explore applying ethical standards for appointed boards, especially restrictions on registered lobbyists. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Member Evans, Member Torres, Member Douglas, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Nay: 1 - Member Steinhauer

Absent: 4 - Member Auffant, Member Miller, Member Mims, and Member Suarez

Chair of Subcommittee: Member Steinhauer

Subcommittee: Member Evans, Member Klein, Member Miller, Member Vilchez Santiago

IV. New Business

Chair Evans requested an update from the Chairs of the subcommittees for the Number and Composition of County Commission Districts and the Rights of the Wekiva River and

Econlockhatchee River. Vice Chair Torres and Member Stoccardo contributed to the discussion. Member Stoccardo indicated the next subcommittee meeting on the Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee River would be on August 8, 2019, at 2:15 p.m. Vice Chair Torres indicated the next subcommittee meeting for the Number of Composition of County Commission Districts would be on August 14, 2019, at 2:15 p.m. The audio and summary reports from the subcommittee meetings are available on the Comptroller's website. CRC members and citizens were encouraged to attend.

Chair Evans encouraged the CRC members to continue submitting their new ideas and topics for consideration to CRC staff. The evaluation process, the timeline for submitting written materials to CRC staff, as well as submitting items on the Agenda can be found on the Charter's website. The next CRC meeting is scheduled on September 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m, District 2, Apopka.

Discussion ensued regarding the scheduled time of the subcommittee meetings. Chair Evans recommended the members of the subcommittees communicate with Charter Staff and Charter Staff will coordinate the scheduled times with the appropriate Chairs of each subcommittee.

Discussion ensued regarding the timelines for subcommittee recommendations to the CRC. Chair Evans indicated she would work with CRC General Counsel and CRC Staff to come up with subcommittee workplan guidelines.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the CRC adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Camille Evans, Chair
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