



2020 ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Committee Summary Report

Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee

November 11, 2019
Comptroller's 4th Floor Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Committee Members:

Jack Douglas, Chair
Russell Drake
Matthew Klein
Anthony (Tony) Suarez
Dotti Wynn
Patrick Brackins, CRC Attorney
Katie Smith, Assisting CRC as Staff
Jennifer Lara-Klimetz, Assisting CRC as Staff

Invited Guest:

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Other Present:

Byron Brooks, County Administrator

The Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee meeting was held to hear remarks by invited guest Mayor Jerry L. Demings concerning the number and composition of county commission districts; to vote on a recommendation to the full CRC; and to discuss the subcommittee final report

Chair Douglas thanked the members and the public for their attendance.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the committee during public comment.

Committee Discussion of Full Time or Part Time

Chair Douglas opened the discussion on full or part time positions. Member Drake stated that he does not see the need for the committee to consider full or part time positions for the commission. Member Wynn agreed.

Member Klein agreed with his committee members and provided remarks regarding potential ramifications to changing the Charter language. Discussion ensued.

Member Suarez stated there was no way to monitor full or part time positions for the commissioners. Discussion ensued. The committee members agreed to table the full or part time positions discussion.

Invited Guest

Chair Douglas welcomed Mayor Jerry L. Demings to the Number and Composition of County Commission District Committee meeting.

Chair Douglas provided a summary of the committee's work and welcomed remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Demings addressed the committee members concerning the number and composition of the county commission districts. The committee members asked various questions regarding the Mayor's remarks. Discussion ensued.

County Administrator Byron Brooks addressed the committee members regarding the process in which district commissioners are briefed for upcoming commission meetings.

Public Comment

The following persons addressed the committee:

- Bobby Beagles
- Jayce Burnside

Committee Vote

Motion/Second: Member Wynn / Member Klein

AYE (roll call vote): Members Douglas, Drake, Klein, Suarez and Wynn

Action: The Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee recommended making no changes to the number of district commissioners.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Douglas announced the committee would not vote on a District or At-Large Commissioner since the committee will not recommend additional commissioners.

Motion/Second: Member Wynn / Member Drake

AYE (roll call vote): Members Douglas, Drake, Klein, Suarez and Wynn

Action: The Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee approved a motion to not proceed with the consideration of having full time district commissioners.

Review of Draft of Committee Report

CRC Attorney Brackins provided an overview of the final report and requested that the committee provide him with the language regarding the basis for their actions. Chair Douglas stated that any additional language to be included in the final report be provided to staff by the end of the following week. Discussion ensued. Deputy Clerk Smith contributed to the discussion.

The committee agreed to delete footnote 1 on the final report.

Chair Douglas recommended an additional meeting that strictly reviews the final report. Discussion ensued.

The next scheduled committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Supporting materials, including the meeting notice, agenda, audio and summary report, may be found by visiting <https://www.occompt.com/clerk-of-the-bcc/charter-2020/meetings/>.