## Albany County Charter Revision Commission May 22, 2013 Room 620 Albany County Office Building

## Members Present:

Jacob M. Crawford Henry M. Greenburg Christopher J. Hannifin Antonio C. Cortes Willow F. Baer Paul L. Weafer Patrick L. Weafer Patrick O. Dalzell Michael J. Elmendorf

## Others in Attendance:

Carina Comiskey Bradley Fischer Patrick Collins John Evers Arnis Zilgme

Mr. Greenburg called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

The Commission interviewed David Soares, the Albany County District Attorney, regarding his views on Article 17 of the County Charter which establishes that office. The Commission asked Mr. Soares questions regarding how the County Charter affects his office. With respect to the Charter itself, Mr. Soares recommended that the Charter be amended to allow the District Attorney's office the opportunity to voice an opinion on legislation that would impact the District Attorney's office.

The Commission interviewed Judy Coyne, the Commissioner of Aging, regarding her views on Article 24 of the County Charter which establishes that agency. The Commission asked Ms. Coyne questions regarding the relationship between the Department of Aging and the Department of Social Services. With respect to the Charter itself, Ms. Coyne did not recommend any substantive changes.

The Commission interviewed Sheri Brooks, the Albany County Alternate Public Defender, regarding her views on Article 23 of the County Charter which establishes that office. The Commission asked Ms. Brooks questions regarding how the Alternate Public Defenders

office differs from the Public Defender's Office. With respect to the Charter itself, Ms. Brooks did not recommend any substantive changes.

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's April 25, 2013 and May 10, 2013 meetings, which motion was seconded by Mr. Elmendorf and unanimously approved.

Ms. Baer reported on her review of the Department of Social Services, raising, in particular, the question of the role of the Youth Bureau and its relationship with the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Greenburg requested a chronological index of the County Charter amendments from Mr. Collins for the next meeting.

The Commission agreed that its next meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Greenburg moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Crawford and unanimously approved.