

Albany County Charter Review Commission
June 26, 2013
Room 620 Albany County Office Building

Members Present:

Jacob M. Crawford
Henry M. Greenburg
Patrick O. Dalzell
Bob Batson
Amy Schnauber
Mike J. Elemendorf

Others in Attendance:

Bradley Fischer
Carina Comiskey
Patrick Collins

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

The Commission interviewed Thomas Marcelle, the Albany County Attorney, regarding his views on Article 15 of the County Charter which establishes that office. County Attorney Marcelle provided the Commission with a general overview of the daily functions of the County Attorney's Office. The Commission asked County Attorney Marcelle questions regarding how the County Charter affects his office.

The Commission interviewed John Evers, the Commissioner of the Department of General Services, regarding his views on Article 7A of the County Charter which establishes that office. Commissioner Evers provided the Commission with a general overview of the daily functions of Department of General Services. The Commission asked Commissioner Evers questions regarding the relationship between the Department of General Services and the Consumer Affairs Department. Commissioner Evers will provide the Commission with recommendations for the Charter, in regards to his Department, at a later date.

The Commission interviewed Darrel Duncan, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, regarding his views on Article 7 of the County Charter which establishes that office. The Commission asked Commissioner Duncan questions regarding the relationship between the Department of Public Works and the Department of General Services. With respect to the Charter itself, Commissioner Duncan did not recommend any substantive changes.

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve minutes from the Commission's May 22, 2013 meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Elmendorf and unanimously approved.

Ms. Schnauber reported on her review of the Department of Mental Health, raising, in particular the role of the Community Services Board in relation to the Director of the Department.

The Commission requested a consolidated County Charter, with a brief legislative history, from Mr. Collins for the next meeting. The Commission also requested a certified County Charter from the Secretary of State from Mr. Collins for the next meeting.

The Commission agreed that its next meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Crawford, which motion was seconded by Mr. Elemendorf and unanimously approved.