## Albany County Charter Review Commission August 28, 2013 Room 620 Albany County Office Building

## Members Present:

Henry M. Greenberg Ami Schnauber Willow F. Baer Mike J. Elmendorf Bob Carlson Paul L. Weafer Bob Batson Jacob M. Crawford Antonio C. Cortes

## Others in Attendance:

Bradley Fischer Carina Comiskey Patrick Collins Arnis Zilgme

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

The Commission interviewed Michael F, Connors, II, the Albany County Comptroller of the Department of Audit and Control, regarding his views on Article 4 of the County Charter which establishes that office. Comptroller Connors provided the Commission with a general overview of the daily functions of the Department of Audit and Control. With respect to the Charter itself, Comptroller Conners recommended some substantive changes. Comptroller Conners proposed changes to Article 4 of the Charter, in regards to the schedule of the budgetary process. Comptroller Conners proposed changes to the Contract Authorization Board, including increasing the Contract Authorization Board limit and including someone from Comptrollers office on the board. Comptroller Connors also proposed that the Comptroller's Office should have subpoena power, and that that power should come directly from the Charter. Last, Comptroller Connors proposed that, where applicable, the Charter should make reference to superseding state law.

Mr. Weafer made a motion to approve minutes from the Commission's August 14, 2013 meeting, subject to the suggested changes. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Carlson reported on his review of the Veterans Services Bureau.

Mr. Greenberg presented drafts of Article 12A, Article 15 and Article 23 of the Charter, to the Commission, which included proposed amendments. The Commission discussed Mr. Greenberg's proposed amendments and recognized them as an addition to the proposed changes to the Charter which were discussed at the previous meeting.

The Commission agreed that its next meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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