

MARCH 14, 2023

The Charter Review Commission Meeting was held on this date with the following Charter Review Commission Members:

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Andrew Sund	Keith Dean	Nathan Shaw
Carl Barraco Jr.	Kevin Besserer	Noel Address
Doug J. Congress	Liza King	Richard Akin
Eric Feichthaler	Maribel Sanchez	Ronald Inge
Ismael Hernandez-Absent	Maryanne Preston	Randal Mercer

LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser
 Assistant County Attorney, Joe Adams

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser called for Public Comment, and there were no speakers.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser thanked the Charter Review members for attending the first meeting of the 2023-2024 Charter Review Commission, and respectfully requested that each member introduce themselves. Each Commission member took a moment to introduce themselves to and provide a brief review of their employment background, time in Lee County, and hopes for the Charter Review Commission.

REVIEW OF FLORIDA “SUNSHINE LAWS”:

Assistant County Attorney, Joe Adams provided an overview of the following:

- Florida “Sunshine Laws”: The Florida “Sunshine Law” covers all forms of communications such as spoken words, emails, messages, etc., on matters that come before this Commission for official action.
- Florida “Public Records Law”: The Florida “Public Records Law” is found in Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes. The Florida “Public Records Law” states all documents in possession of the government are held in public trust for the people in the State of Florida.

ELECTION OF CHAIR, AND VICE CHAIR:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser opened the floor for Chairman Nominations. Maryanne Preston nominated Nathan Shaw, seconded by Kevin Besserer. Mr. Shaw was unanimously elected Chairman with Ismael Hernandez absent.

At the request of the Chairman, Ms. Fraser opened the floor for Vice-Chairman Nominations. Andrew Sund nominated himself, seconded by Ronald Inge. Mr. Sund was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman with Ismael Hernandez absent.

SET FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser provided the Commission with the following dates and locations for the remaining 2023 Charter Review Commission meetings. All meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Date:	Meeting Location:
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, May 09, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, August 08, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901

INITIAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE LEE COUNTY CHARTER:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser provided the Commission with a brief history of the Lee County Charter. Ms. Fraser informed the Commission that a Charter item securing a three-fifths (3/5) vote will be forwarded to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for approval or denial. Furthermore, any item securing a four-fifths (4/5) vote will be moved directly to the ballot for voting. Ms. Fraser concluded her short presentation with a review of the differences between Charter and Non-Charter Governments.

CONSIDERATION OF A FACILITATOR TO THE COMMISSION:

Following a review of the Lee County Charter consensus was reached that a facilitator would not be necessary at this time.

OTHER COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser had no additional items to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:
KEVIN C. KARNES, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman, Charter Review Commission