

The Final 2023-2024 Charter Review Commission Meeting was held on this date in the First Floor Conference Room 118, Lee County Administration Building East, 2201 Second Street Fort Myers, Florida with the following Charter Review Commission Members:

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Nathan Shaw – Chairman	Kevin Besserer	Liza King - <i>Absent</i>
Andrew Sund – Vice Chair	Doug J. Congress	Randy Krise
Richard Akin	Keith Dean	Randal Mercer
Noel Address	Eric Feichthaler	Maryanne Preston
Carl Barraco Jr.	Ronald Inge	Maribel Sanchez

**LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Nathan Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PROPOSAL:**

Chairman Shaw called for Public Comment, and no speakers came forward.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PROPOSAL:**

Commission Members Noel Address, Maribel Sanchez, Keith Dean, Maryanne Preston, and Chairman Nathan Shaw expressed support of the proposed amendments. Commission Members cited issues such as utility compensation, the voter’s right to decide the process, and the proposed amendments ability to add a checklist for both Lee County and municipalities when exploring annexation.

Commission Members Kevin Besserer, Eric Feichthaler, Randy Krise, Randal Mercer, Richard Akin, Ronald Inge and Vice-Chairman Andrew Sund expressed their concern over moving the proposed amendment forward. Commission Members discussed property right violations, possible legal ramifications, a lack of public input, and adding of an additional layer of government oversight as issues to vote against the proposed amendment being placed on the ballot.

**COMMISSION VOTE ON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PROPOSAL:**

Proposed Charter Amendments that receive an affirmative vote of three-fifths (nine votes) of the entire membership of the Charter Review Commission shall be submitted to the County Commission for its consideration. Any proposed Charter Amendment that receives an affirmative vote of four-fifths (twelve votes) of the entire membership of the Charter Review Commission shall be placed directly on to the next general election ballot.

Deputy County Attorney Andrea Fraser facilitated a roll call vote for Charter Review Commission support of advancing the voluntary annexation proposed amendment. Members voted as follows:

<b>Commission Member:</b>	<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Commission Member:</b>	<b>Vote:</b>
Mr. Nathan Shaw	Aye	Mr. Richard Akin	Nay
Mr. Andrew Sund	Nay	Mr. Noel Address	Aye
Ms. Maribel Sanchez	Aye	Mr. Douglas Congress	Nay
Mr. Keith Dean	Aye	Mr. Ronald Inge	Nay
Mr. Eric Feichthaler	Nay	Mr. Randy Krise	Nay
Mr. Carl Barraco Jr.	Nay	Ms. Liza King	Absent
Mr. Kevin Besserer	Nay	Ms. Maryanne Preston	Aye
Mr. Randal Mercer	Nay		

The proposal **DID NOT PASS**, as a minimum of nine votes in favor is required. The motion failed five to nine.

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser thanked Commission Members for their service, and informed them that a final report will be provided, and presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commission Member Noel Address moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commission Member Kevin Besserer, called and carried with Commission Member Liza King absent.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.