

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee on Administration and Legislature

February 3, 2006

The Charter Revision Commission's Committee on Administration and Legislature ("A&L") met in a meeting room of the County Legislature at 9:30 a.m. on February 3, 2006 immediately following a joint meeting with the Committee on Form and Scope of County Government. Present were Committee members John Maggiore, Vice-Chair (A&L), Dave Comerford, Chris Duquin, and James L. Magavern, Chair (A&L). Also present by invitation were Brian White, Assistant County Attorney, Jon Lines, political science instructor, Buffalo State College, John Davis, legislative clerk, Hank Bromley, Commission research analyst and Tim Minter, law student.

Mr. Magavern reported that at meeting of Professor Greiner's seminar on February 2, 2006, the law students had accepted the following assignments:

1. Term Limits--Tim Minter
2. Non-partisan Elections--Jennifer Hyatt
3. At-large Elections, with or without cumulative voting--Ray Walter and

Sean Cooney

Mr. Maggiore summarized a Memorandum on a legislative reform package dated February 1, 2006, a copy of which is annexed to these minutes. This led to a discussion of the priorities for the Committee for further reports, especially in view of the possibility that the

Commission may decide to submit an initial recommendation for a County Executive-County Manager form of government for approval by the County Legislature in the late spring and, if passed by the Legislature, approval by the voters at referendum in the general election in November this year. In that event, it would seem appropriate to submit a proposal for structural reform of the legislative branch at the same time as the proposal for structural reform of the executive branch. It was resolved, therefore, to give priority and to request the assistance of Professor Greiner's law students in respect to the following subjects:

1. Term limits
2. Terms of office
3. Salary setting and limits
4. District residency requirements

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on February 10, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.