

Minutes  
Charter Review Commission  
Human Services, Education, Recreation and Culture Committee  
March 21, 2006

Attendance: Commissioners Donna E. Rice, Ronald Smith, Joan Lillis and George Arthur.  
Commission Analyst Hank Bromley  
Guests: Commissioner Peter Reese  
Absent: Commissioner Jeanne Ebersole

The meeting of the Committee was called to order at 8:35 AM

Commissioner Arthur a typographical error on the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting. It was then moved, seconded and approved to accept the corrected minutes.

Commissioner Arthur then confirmed some upcoming commission meeting dates for public hearings. Public hearings will be held on 5/31, 6/1 and 6/6 on the draft proposals for the charter revisions.

Committee Chair Rice led a discussion as to the status of the updates of the various charter articles assigned to this committee. Those updates include:

Article 5        Dept of Health  
                  Dr. Billitier will present charter revision drafts to the committee at its 5/27 meeting. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Commissioner Rice will confirm.

Article 7        Dept of Parks and Recreation  
                  Mr. Sedita presented to the committee and is to resubmit charter revision changes for the committee's review by 5/21. Commissioner Arthur is to review the assignment of the Dept of Public Work to a committee. The dept of Parks may be considered as a consolidation prospect with DPW. Commissioner Lillis will follow up on the status of the draft changes.

Article 11       Dept of Social Welfare  
                  Mr. Weiner presented to the committee and is to resubmit charter revision changes for the committee's review by 5/21. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Several letters have been sent to Mr. Weiner for suggested charter changes. A deadline has been set as 3/22. Commissioner Rice will follow up.

Article 11-A    Dept. of Mental Health  
                  Mr. Endress presented to the committee and is to resubmit charter revision changes for the committee's review by 5/21. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Commissioner Lillis will follow up.

Article 11-E Dept of Senior Services

Ms. Krawczyk presented to the committee and is to resubmit charter revision changes for the committee's review by 5/21. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Commissioner Lillis will follow up.

Article 11-F Dept of Youth Services

The department head will present to the committee and will submit charter revision changes. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Commissioner Smith will follow up.

Article 11-F Dept for the Disabled

The department head will present to the committee and will submit charter revision changes. This is part of the Blueprint for Change proposal. Commissioner Rice will follow up.

Article 16 Other County Boards, etc.

ECMC

Mr. Young presented to the committee and is to resubmit charter revision changes for the committee's review by 5/21. This will be assigned a separate article in the charter. Commissioner Lillis will follow up.

ECC

Representatives from ECC have presented to the committee requesting recognition in the charter of their status as a Plan C college under NYS Education Law 126. Commissioner Smith has had several discussions with county and college representatives and will follow up. This will be assigned a separate article in the charter

Article 16-B Erie County Consumer Protection Committee

Appears to no longer exist. Commissioner Rice will confirm. This will be deleted from the charter.

Article 16-D Art and culture in Public Places Board

Appears to no longer exist. Commissioner Rice will confirm. This will be deleted from the charter.

Article 16-E Erie County Commission on Status of Women

There is confusion as to how this compares to other advocacy groups in the county without charter status and its relationship to the Dept for Public Advocacy. Commissioner will invite Ms Jackie Stoveroff

Article 16-F Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families

Appears to no longer exist. Commissioner Rice will confirm. This will be deleted from the charter.

Future committee meetings are scheduled for 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/18, 4/24, 4/25, and 5/1. All meetings will be held at 11 Summer St. except 4/18 whose site will be determined later.

The next meeting will be Monday, 3/27/06

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald P. Smith, Commissioner