

## Minutes

### Erie County Charter Revision Commission

#### Public Safety Standing Committee

December 15, 2005

The Public Safety Standing Committee met at its regularly scheduled time but, due to the early ending of the regular meeting, met in the Legislature's chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaherty. There were no members of the public present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved. The committee members discussed in brief the remarks of the County Executive. The individual members of the committee received the list of Charter provisions assigned to us for review and decided to re-read those sections and report back any disagreement.

The Chairman reported that at the direction of the sub-committee he had sent invitations to the Sheriff, District Attorney, Deputy Mike Summers, the head of the ECSD PBA, and the Director of the Probation Department, to address it on the issue of Law Enforcement and Public Safety. Deputy Summers has agreed to address our subcommittee and is willing to sit on a panel with Sheriff Howard. At the time of our meeting, none of the other officials had responded. The members of the committee agreed to allow the Chairman to invite on behalf of the committee other officials, including former Lancaster Police Chief Fowler, he deemed suitable to our mandate.

Finally, the Chairman observed that Prof Prufont had observed that he thought that our current Charter was fairly straightforward and that nothing about it struck him as serious error. The members remain agreed that our focus is narrow and to withhold reaching conclusions until those professional public officials involved in law enforcement provide us with their insights. The Chairman agreed to notify the other members by e-mail when he received responses from the invitees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

All Commissioners were present except Mr. Newman.