



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5–7 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Meeting led by Chair Erickson.
- II. **Roll Call**
 - All present.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**

ACTION: Moved by Comm. LaBrant to **APPROVE** the agenda as amended moving New Business item a. to be discussed before Old Business. Seconded by Comm. Benton. Approved through unanimous consent.
- IV. **Open Public Comment**
 1. Margaret Tweet
- V. **Approval of February 11, 2026, Minutes**

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Silliman to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 11, 2026. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.
- VI. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - Chair Erickson followed up on the CVTV being interested in a story on the Charter Review Commission. They will be attending the meeting next week and will be filming for part of the meeting. Immediately prior to the meeting they will be recording comments from the Chair and Comm. Gasque.



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VII. Comments by Support Staff

- Michelle Pfenning introduced Rebecca Messinger, who will be filling in the first week of March.

VIII. Old Business

a. Concept Disclosure Discussion

- Comm. Adigweme
 - Public Disclosure/Transparency of the County annual report
 - Reporting structure for the office of Oversight and Ethics
 - Review and potential revision of direct democracy mechanisms, how we get Charter Amendments on the ballot
 - Transparency and access, oversight and clarity
 - Definition between roles of branches of government
 - Modernize governance and public engagement
 - Ranked Choice Voting
 - Ombudsman
 - Board of Health
- Comm. Holmgren
 - Redistricting Committee
 - Executive Elected Official positions - Appointed vs Elected
 - Size of County Council
- Comm. LaBrant
 - Initiative and Referendum Process
 - County Executive - Appointed vs Elected
 - County Executive Review Process
 - Public Safety/Sherriff funding
 - Clarification of relationship between Charter Review Commission and County as a whole
 - Structure of County Board of Health
- Comm. Christly
 - County Clerk - Appointed vs Elected
 - Redistricting Committee
 - Size of County Council
 - Clean up language in the Charter
 - Transparency
- Comm. Benton
 - Transparency in budgeting process
 - Balanced budget amendment
 - Public safety
 - County Council Staff



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- Comm. Cline
 - Initiative and Referendum Process
 - Protect Elections for All Elected Positions
 - County Council has direct support from County Staff
 - County Councilors allowed unmonitored meeting time with constituents without staff present
 - No county funds be used for foreign operation and management expenses (light rail)
- Comm. Garber
 - Initiative and Referendum Process
 - Non-partisan office elections
 - How often Charter Review Commissioners are elected
 - County Council compensation
 - Public Advocate/Ombudsmen
 - ASL Interpretive services at Council Meetings
 - Voter Registration Integrity
- Chair Erickson
 - Balanced Budget Amendment
 - Ethics Commission
 - Public Safety
 - Initiative and Referendum Process
 - Additional Council Resources with Companion Amendment for local term units
 - Local Term Limits
 - Cost analysis of proposed land use regulation changes
 - County Executive reviews/accountability
 - Clarify how Council members are expected to vote on external boards
 - Council votes required to increase taxes
- Comm. Hoss
 - Balanced Budget & Accountability Amendment
 - Public Safety
 - Elected Officials Stay Elected
 - County Executive – Elected or Appointed
- Comm. Silliman
 - Public Safety
 - Limit annual levy increases to 1% without voter approval
 - Employees of legislative branch report to council
 - Authorize performance audits by Legislative branch
 - Add investigative authority to Legislative branch
 - Modify budget process – More Transparency



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- Cost analysis of proposed land use regulation changes
- Voter registration integrity
- Council appointments to boards
- Council compensation
- Non-Partisan Elections
- Comm. Landesberg
 - Council Boards & Commissions designation/removal
 - Redistricting Committee
 - County Clerk Appointment
 - Deputy County Manager appointed by Council
- Comm. Gasque
 - Ethics policy
 - Inspector General
 - Public engagement
 - Full time compensation for Council
 - Population of districts per Councilor
- Comm. Jay
 - Prohibit Council from interfering with initiatives or Charter amendments
 - Cost analysis of proposed land use regulation changes
 - Checks and Balances between County Council and the Executive Branch
 - Supermajority requirement for property and sales tax increases
 - Public Safety
 - Increase threshold for Levies to a 60% requirement
- Comm. Donnelly
 - Elected Officials stay Elected
 - Public Safety
 - Sherriff's office funding
 - Clarify Council role on Third Party Committees
- Comm. Hamlik
 - Checks and Balances between County Council and the Executive Branch
 - Performance Audits
 - Communication and Public Outreach
 - Transparency

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Silliman to **RECESS** for 5 minutes (5:57 – 6:03 PM).
Seconded by Comm. Benton. Motion passed by voiced majority.

b. Work Plan

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Benton to **APPROVE** steps 2 and 3 of the Work Plan as proposed. Seconded by Comm. Silliman. Motion withdrawn.



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- **Friendly Amendment:** Moved by Comm. Jay to only approve step 2 of the Work Plan. Friendly amendment not accepted.

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Benton to **APPROVE** step 2 of the Work Plan as proposed. Seconded by Comm. Jay.

- **Amendment:** Moved by Comm. Adigweme to amend Step 2 of the work plan to submit the Standardized intake form to Chair “and Staff”. Seconded by Comm. Christly. Amendment approved through unanimous consent.
- Moved by Comm. Benton to **APPROVE** step 2 of the Work Plan as amended. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Adigweme to **TABLE** the rest of the Work Plan and refer it to the Work Plan Subcommittee. Seconded by Comm. Silliman. 5 – aye/10 – nay/motion failed.

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Silliman to **APPROVE** step 3 of the Work Plan as proposed. Seconded by Comm. Benton.

- **Friendly Amendment:** Moved by Comm. Jay to approve the entire Work Plan with steps 6 and 7 combined. Friendly Amendment not accepted.
- **Amendment:** Moved by Comm. Adigweme to amend vote threshold in step 3 from 6 votes to 5 votes. Seconded by LaBrant. 8 – Aye/7 – Nay/Motion carried.
- Moved by Comm. Silliman to **APPROVE** step 3 of the Work Plan as amended. Seconded by Comm. Benton. Approved through unanimous consent.

c. **Amendment Proposal Intake Form**

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Jay to **APPROVE** the Amendment Proposal Intake Form with the Acknowledgement section amended to remove the Signature line. Seconded by Comm. Hoss. 14 – Aye/1 – Nay/Motion carried.

d. **Workplan Subcommittee**

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Jay to **APPROVE** the balance of the Work Plan Outline with the understanding the Workplan Subcommittee can continue to review and bring refinements back to the commission for consideration. Seconded by Comm. Donnelly. Point of Order made by Comm. LaBrant to continue with agenda vote for Workplan Subcommittee. Accepted by Chair Erickson.



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- Chair Erickson opened nominations for the Workplan Subcommittee
 - Comm. Cline nominated Comm. Silliman.
 - Comm. Donnelly volunteered.
 - Comm. Gasque volunteered.
 - Comm. Adigweme nominated Comm. LaBrant.
 - Comm. Jay volunteered.
 - Comm. Jay withdrew from consideration.

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Cline to **APPROVE** the Workplan Subcommittee comprised of Chair Erickson, Comm. Hoss, Comm. Garber, Comm. Silliman, Comm. Donnelly, Comm. Gasque, and Comm. LaBrant. Seconded by Comm. Donnelly. Approved through unanimous consent.

e. **Discussion on Public Comment Period**

- Item not discussed due to lack of time.

IX. **New Business**

a. **Written Correspondence from Public**

- Item not discussed due to lack of time.

b. **Process for Formally Inviting Elected Officials to Speak at Meetings**

- Item not discussed due to lack of time.

X. **Good of the Order**

- Item not discussed due to lack of time.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026 • 5:00–7:00 PM

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