



## CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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### Virtual attendance:

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### In person attendance:

Public Service Center  
1300 Franklin Street  
6th Floor, Conference Rm 680  
Vancouver, WA 98660

# CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 25, 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. Jay to **APPROVE** the agenda as amended to add as a new item a. in New Business discussion on meeting March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Seconded by Comm. Benton. Approved through unanimous consent.

### IV. Open Public Comment

1. Bradley Branham

### V. Approval of February 18, 2026, Minutes

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Adigweme to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 18, 2026. Seconded by Comm. Christly. 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 conducted interviews with Chair Erickson and Comm. Gasque, due to a scheduling conflict they will not be attending today's meeting to record. CVTV rescheduled next week, where they will be capturing video only. Chair Erickson clarified the scope of the Work Plan Subcommittee. He also expressed appreciation for the work by Comm. Garber as secretary of the commission.



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- Comm. Garber gave a reminder; *do not reply-all*, when replying to an email correspondence as it could violate OPMA regulations.
- Comm. Hoss announced the Work Plan Subcommittee meetings have been scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> as hybrid attendance at 5PM.

VII. Comments by Support Staff  
NONE

VIII. Old Business

a. Work Plan

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Silliman to **APPROVE** step 4 of the Work Plan as written. Seconded by Comm. Benton. 10 – Aye/5 – Nay/Motion carried.

- **Amendment:** Moved by Comm. Jay to adopt the entire Work Plan with steps 6 and 7 merged. Seconded by Chair Erickson. Second Withdrawn. Seconded by Comm. Donnelly. 3 – Aye/12 – Nay/Motion failed.

IX. New Business

a. March 31, 2026 Meeting

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Jay to **APPROVE** the CRC to meet on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Seconded by Comm. Adigweme. 14 – Aye/1 – Nay/Motion carried.

b. First Reading of Proposed Charter Amendments

- 26-01 *Clarifying nonpartisan office elections*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 15 Votes/Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
  - Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Cline, Landesberg, Gasque, Holmgren, & Adigweme.
- 26-02 *Creation of a Public Advocate / Ombudsman for Clark County Citizens*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 7 Votes/Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, requested by sponsor to defer. Co-Sponsors: Comm. Adigweme.
- 26-03 *Increase in County Council Salaries and Compensation*

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Hoss to **TABLE** until legal advice has been received. Seconded by Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Jay to **BREAK** for 5 minutes until 6:05 pm. Seconded by Comm. Landesberg. Approved through unanimous consent.



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- *26-04 Provide ASL Interpretation Services and Other Accommodations at Council Meetings*  
**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Cline to **TABLE** until the cost for these services can be provided. Seconded by Comm. Landesberg. *Motion Withdrawn.*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 14 Votes/Comm. Silliman; Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Co-Sponsors: Commissioner's Hamlik, Gasque, & Donnelly
- *26-05 Signature Requirements for Initiatives and Referenda, as well as clarifying amendments*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 14 Votes/Comm. Christly-Nay; Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, requested by sponsor to defer for further research. Co-Sponsors: Commissioner's Silliman, Cline, Benton, Donnelly, Jay, & Gasque.
- *26-06 Charter Review Commission Elections from 5 years to 10 years*
  - Deferred to a future meeting.
- *26-07 Requiring Land Supply and Construction Cost Analysis*
  - Read by Vice Chair Hoss: 8 Votes/Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- *26-08 Requiring Supermajority Council Approval for County Taxes*  
*26-09 Prohibiting County Government from Interfering with Initiatives and Charter Amendments*
  - Deferred to a future meeting.
- *26-10 Revised Budget Transparency and Process*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 13 Votes/Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- *26-11 1% Levy Limit*  
*26-12 Prioritize Public Safety*  
*26-13 Legislative Branch Employees*  
*26-14 Performance Audits*
  - Deferred to a future meeting.
- *26-15 Ethics*
  - Read by Chair Erickson: 9 Votes/Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, requested by sponsor to defer. Co-Sponsor: Comm. Adigweme & Garber.



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- *26-16 Amendment to Authorize Council Removal of Appointed Councilors from Boards / Commissions and Direction of Votes by Simple Majority*
  - Deferred to a future meeting.

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

- Chair Erickson announced the plan to work with staff on invitations to Elected Officials, including County Council, Judicial Officers, and members of the Executive Branch to come and speak to the commission for 3-5 minutes with 10-12 minutes allotted for Q&A.
- Questions and discussion were had by the commission.
- Approved through unanimous consent.

d. **Public Comment Period Discussion**

- Chair Erickson provided an overview of the Introductory Remarks Prior to Public Comment document.
- Questions and discussion were had by the commission.
- Approved through unanimous consent.

e. **Written Correspondence from Public**

- Item is tabled until next week.

f. **Meeting Ground Rules**

- Item is tabled until next week.

X. **Good of the Order**

- Comm. Adigweme expressed thanks to the Chair for taking feedback earlier and making a change to how co-sponsorships were handled and emphasized the importance of the commission to act in accordance with full transparency to maintain public trust.
- Chair Erickson announced Comm. Christly, Comm. Jay, and himself will be speaking at monthly meeting of the Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association on March 11<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited, and they will be speaking about the Charter Review Commission. Any commissioner who intends to attend will need to inform Michelle as soon as possible so Notice can be issued if there is a quorum.



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### Adjournment

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Vice Chair Hiss to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:06PM.  
Seconded by Comm. Cline. Approved through unanimous consent.

### Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 • 5:00–7:00 PM

*jg/mp*

*The recording for Charter Review Commission meetings can be accessed on the county website  
(<https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/charter-review-commission-2026-2027>).*