



## CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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# CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5–7 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

- Meeting led by Chair Erickson.

### II. Roll Call

- All present.

### III. Approval of Agenda

- Chair Erickson requested to amend the agenda to add a business item concerning the Meeting Schedule as a new item a. under New Business, moving the current item to item b. Approved through unanimous consent.

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Cline to **APPROVE** the agenda as amended to add a new item a. under New Business. Seconded by Comm. Garber. Approved through unanimous consent.

### IV. Open Public Comment

1. Julie Koepp
2. Bradley Branham

### V. Approval of March 4, 2026, Minutes

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. LaBrant to **APPROVE** the minutes of March 4, 2026. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.



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**VI. Executive Committee Reports**

- Chair Erickson announced progress has been made on the website development to enhance transparency, visibility, and the tracking of the proposed amendments and their progress. Erickson also stated the auto-response for the commission-wide email address is now working.
- Comm. Garber received information from Katie Jolma, DPA, about records retention regarding emails. Garber will forward that information to the commission.

**VII. Comments by Support Staff**

- Chris Cook, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, spoke on using an RFP to solicit legal help. It is possible to get the assistance of another lawyer for legal services, but that process is through the Prosecuting Attorney and not an RFP. Ms. Cook summarized RCW 36.27.040 as it pertains to this question and expanded on what an outside lawyer could and could not do without this process occurring.
  - Questions and discussion were had by the commission.

**VIII. Comments by Auditor Greg Kimsey**

- Greg Kimsey, County Auditor, spoke on the proposed charter amendments and urged the commission to think about what problem is this amendment trying to solve, are there other ways to solve this problem, and what unintended consequences could occur from this solution. Kimsey then gave opinions on a few of the already proposed charter amendments.
  - Questions and discussion were had by the Commission.
- Chair Erickson gave an overview of who is scheduled to speak for the next few meetings.

**IX. Workplan Subcommittee Report**

- Chair Erickson gave an overview of the work done by the Workplan Subcommittee and thanked the members of the commission for the work they have done and especially Comm. Gasque who has prepared documents for the commission to go over today.
- Comm. Gasque gave a presentation covering the subcommittee's proposed workplan process and the deadlines for each step of the process.
- Questions and discussion were had by the Commission.



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- Chair Erickson requested granting a few more minutes for Auditor Kimsey to address the commission. Approved through unanimous consent.
- Auditor Kimsey spoke on a few more of the proposed charter amendments.

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Cline to **APPROVE** a 5-minute break. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

*\*Break from 6:09 pm to 6:15 pm\**

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Cline to **APPROVE** extending the meetings of the commission by 1 hour, until 8:00pm. Seconded by Comm. Silliman. 14 – Aye/1 – Nay/Motion Carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Jay to **APPROVE** the workplan as presented. Seconded by Comm. Donnelly.

**AMENDMENT:** Moved by Comm. Benton to push back the deadline for intake forms 1 week. *Motion withdrawn.*

**AMENDMENT:** Moved by Comm. Adigweme to amend the workplan to extend the deadline for the intake forms 1 week to March 23. Seconded by Comm. Holmgren. 4 – Aye/11 – Nay/Amendment Failed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Jay to **APPROVE** the workplan as presented. Seconded by Comm. Donnelly. 15 – Aye/Motion Carried.

X. Old Business

NONE

XI. New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Charter Amendments

- Chair Erickson listed each proposed amendment asking for input on the status and if the sponsor would voluntarily defer to 2027, withdraw the amendment, or wishes to merge with another amendment, or move forward.
  - 26-01 – Move Forward
  - 26-02 – Withdrawn/Merged with 26-15
  - 26-03 – Move Forward
  - 26-04 – Voluntarily deferred
  - 26-05 – Withdrawn
  - 26-06 – Voluntarily deferred
  - 26-07 – Move Forward
  - 26-08 – Move Forward



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- 26-09 – Move Forward
- 26-10 – Move Forward
- 26-11 – Move Forward
- 26-12 – Move Forward
- 26-13 – Move Forward
- 26-14 – Move Forward
- 26-15 – Move Forward
- 26-16 – Voluntarily Deferred
- 26-17 – Move Forward
- 26-18 – Voluntarily Deferred
- 26-19 – Voluntarily Deferred
- 26-20 – Move Forward
- 26-21 – Voluntarily Deferred
- 26-22 – Voluntarily Deferred
- 26-23 – Move Forward
- 26-24 – Move Forward
- 26-25 – Move Forward
- 26-26 – Move Forward
- 26-27 – Move Forward
- 26-28 – Move Forward
- 26-29 – Move Forward
- 26-30 – Voluntarily Deferred

- 26-03 *Increase in County Council Salaries and Compensation*

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Landesburg to **REMOVE** this from the table and vote.  
Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

- Read previously by Chair Erickson: 9 Votes; Moved forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Comm. Hamlik and Comm. Holmgren volunteered to cosponsor.

- 26-09 *Prohibiting County Government from Interfering with Initiatives and Charter Amendments*

- Read by Chair Erickson: 8 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.

- *All other First Readings deferred to a future meeting.*

## XII. Good of the Order

- Comm. Adigweme suggested inviting an individual from the Ethics Review Commission to speak at the currently unscheduled speaker slot in the upcoming meeting on March 25, 2026.



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**Adjournment**

**ACTION:** Moved by Comm. Cline to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:58 pm. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

**Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026 • 5:00–8:00 PM

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