



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 4, 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. Garber to **APPROVE** the agenda. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.
- IV. **Open Public Comment**
 1. Bradley Branham
- V. **Approval of February 25, 2026, Minutes**

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Adigweme to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 25, 2026, as amended to record only affirmative votes on the First Reading of Proposed Charter Amendments and fix two typographical errors. Seconded by Comm. LaBrant. Approved through unanimous consent.
- VI. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - Chair Erickson announced they are exploring ways to update the Charter Review Commission's website to increase visibility and transparency by having intake forms posted and display tracking for the amendments. Chair Erickson also responded to comments requesting an update on the status of the commission by providing an update on the processes that have occurred and will be coming up next.



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VII. Comments by Support Staff

- Katie Jolma, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, provided information in response to a question raised in the last meeting on potential ethics concerns regarding Charter Review Commissioners voting on amendments that may be a conflict of interest.
 - Questions and discussion were had by the Commission.

VIII. Comments by Judge Vanderwood

- Judge Vanderwood made a request to the Charter Review Commission to allow the voters of Clark County to determine if the role of County Clerk should be an elected position or not. Judge Vanderwood spoke on the benefits of an appointed County Clerk.
 - Questions and discussion were had by the Commission.

IX. Old Business

a. Written Correspondence from Public

- Chair Erickson asked for opinions from the Commission on whether there should be direct responses to written public comments.
 - The Commission provided their opinions.

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Hoss to **APPROVE** an automated response confirming receipt of emailed public comment received to the general Charter Review Commission email and if an email is received by all 15 commissioners separate from the General Email that the Chair will respond. Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.

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

Break from 6:06 pm to 6:11 pm

b. Meeting Ground Rules

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Donnelly to **APPROVE** the Meeting Ground Rules with number 9 amended to state “commissioners are expected to be present and remain muted when not speaking. It is preferred that they be on Camera.” Seconded by Comm. Jay. Approved through unanimous consent.



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X. New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Charter Amendments

- *26-03 Increase in County Council Salaries and Compensation*
 - Requested by Chair Erickson that this amendment remains tabled for another week. Approved through unanimous consent.

- *26-06 Change Charter Review Commission Elections from 5 years to 10 years*
 - Read by Chair Erickson: 8 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.

- *26-08 Requiring Supermajority Council Approval for County Taxes*
 - Read by Comm. Hoss: 7 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.

- *26-09 Prohibiting County Government from Interfering with Initiatives and Charter Amendments*
 - Deferred to a future meeting.

- *26-11 1% Levy Limit*
 - Read by Chair Erickson: 7 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.

- *26-12 Prioritize Public Safety*
 - Deferred to a future meeting.

- *26-13 Legislative Branch Employees*
 - Deferred to a future meeting.

- *26-14 Performance Audits*
 - Deferred to a future meeting.

- *26-16 Amendment to Authorize Council Removal of Appointed Councilors from Boards / Commissions and Direction of Votes by Simple Majority*
 - Read by Chair Erickson: 9 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.
 - Comm. Adigweme, Comm. Gasque, and Comm. Landesberg volunteered to Co-Sponsor.

- *26-17 Add removal power to County Councilors for members on Boards and Commissions*
 - Withdrawn by sponsor.

- *26-18 Superior Court judges nominate Clerk of the Court*
 - Temporarily withdrawn by sponsor.



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- *26-19 Amend Redistricting Committee Process*
 - Read by Chair Erickson; 9 Votes; Moved forward to 2nd Reading.
- *All other First Readings deferred to a future meeting.*

b. **Discussion of Workplan Subcommittee Tasks**

- Chair Erickson asked for suggestions of items and tasks for the subcommittee to address.
 - Roundtable discussion on items for the subcommittee.

XI. **Good of the Order**

- Comm. Hoss requested the air conditioning be turned down for future meetings.

Adjournment

ACTION: Moved by Comm. Cline to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:54 pm. Approved through unanimous consent.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 • 5:00–7:00 PM

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