

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

March 11, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building, 4th Floor
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Jim Michaels, Chair Marvin Lynch Michael Persh Jorge Quintana Sherry Brett-Major (Virtual) Jeffrey Naftal (Virtual) Howard Denis (Virtual) Dylan Presman (Virtual) Sarah Andrew Wilson (Virtual) Alicia Figueroa (Virtual) David Nachtsheim (Virtual)	Staff Present: Stephen Mathany, Office of the County Council Dale Tibbits, Office of the County Executive (Virtual) Aditi Kumar, Office of the County Attorney (Virtual)
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Commission Chair Jim Michaels called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:04 a.m.

I. Administrative Matters

- The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent. Moved by Commissioner Presman, seconded by Commissioner Persh.
- Minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Commission Presman’s name throughout. The amended minutes were approved by unanimous consent. Amendment motioned by Commissioner Lynch, seconded by Commissioner Persh.

II. Review of the First Draft of the Commission’s 2026 Report

1. Update on Straw Vote from February Meeting
 - Chair Michaels recapped the 5–5 straw vote from the February meeting regarding whether to recommend a Charter amendment on budget reserves. Commissioner Nachtsheim was absent at the February meeting and could not cast his straw vote.
 - Commissioner Nachtsheim stated he supports recommending the budget reserve Charter amendment.
 - The updated straw vote total: 6 in favor, 5 against.
2. Discussion of First Draft Report and Potential Change in Positions
 - Commissioner Quintana announced his intention to change his vote from “yes” to “no”. This shift rebalanced the straw vote, now 5 in favor and 6 against, with a majority opposing recommending the Charter amendment.

- Commissioners thoroughly discussed how the report should reflect the months of study, reasoning behind the positions, and change in majority position, as well as whether to include majority/minority statements.
 - Some Commissioners argued the final report should not include lengthy arguments for an amendment the Commission will not recommend, while others supported including a majority report and minority report, consistent with past Commission practice.
 - The Chair affirmed the Commission must submit a biannual report under the governing charter provision, but the level of detail remains at the Commission's discretion.
 - Commissioners agreed personal concurring or dissenting statements would be allowed as appendices
3. Commission Report Schedule
- Chair Michaels noted the existing drafting schedule, attachment 1 to the agenda. He noted that he will attempt to circulate the revised in advance of the April 8, 2026 meeting.
 - The Commission will issue a press release regarding the release of the final report.

III. Additional Business

- Commissioner Lynch inquired regarding a letter from Reardon Sullivan urging consideration of a proposed ballot question limiting the number of at-large Councilmembers from a particular party.
- Chair Michaels stated that he has declined to place the matter on the agenda and considers the exchange concluded unless Commissioners request otherwise.

IV. Staff Updates

- No staff updates provided.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:27 AM.