

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**April 9, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**VIRTUAL ONLY**  
**Minutes**

<b>Commission Members Present:</b> Jim Michaels, Chair Howard Denis Jeffrey Naftal Dylan Presman Sherry Brett-Major David Nachtsheim Michael Persh Marvin Lynch	<b>Staff Present:</b> Dale Tibbits, Office of the County Executive Stephen Mathany, Office of the County Council Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council
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**Commission Chair Jim Michaels called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:02 a.m.**

**I. Administrative Items:**

- a. Adopted the agenda with unanimous consent. Motioned by Chair Michaels, seconded by Commissioner Lynch.
- b. Adopted minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting with unanimous consent. Motioned by Chair Michaels, seconded by Commissioner Presman.

**II. Discussion Items**

**a. Outreach Report:**

- i. Chair Michaels reported on the outreach efforts to the Citizens Advisory Boards in the Up County and Mid County regions. Meetings were held on March 10 and March 20, respectively, to inform them about the Commission's work and gather feedback. The hope is to meet with the remaining Boards by Memorial Day.

**b. Special Taxing Districts:**

- i. Commissioner Persh reported that there were no significant updates since the last meeting. The Council President is expected to appear next month to discuss the issue further. The County Executive's budget mentioned only one special taxing district, the White Flint Taxing District.

**c. Budget Reserves:**

- i. Commissioner Naftal is waiting for budget experts from the County Council/County Executive offices to discuss the reserves and the possibility of codifying a higher reserve percentage.
- ii. Dale Tibbits mentioned that the county has two pots of money for reserves: a 5% pot for regular use and an 11.3% additional reserve for extreme emergency financial situations.

**d. New Business:**

- i. Chair Michaels presented several topics raised by the public and other sources for the Commission to consider:
  1. A citizens' petition for a charter amendment to cap County spending.
  2. A proposal from the County Tax League to reassess properties that are teardowns and complete rebuilds as new construction.

- a. Likely best addressed through legislation.
- 3. A suggestion to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in School Board elections.
  - a. Not something that could be changed by a charter amendment due to Maryland state law.
- ii. There have not been new nominations to replace the current absences on the Commission.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM.**