

**Charter Review Committee**  
Elizabeth H. Taylor, Chairman

**Minutes for the Meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 5:00 P.M. Members present included: E. Taylor (Chairman), S. Taylor (Clerk), S. Buckley, S. Smith, G. Lane, and R. Leavitt. Members absent included: G. Freeman (Vice Chairman), J. Bendas, and T. Geagan

Members of the general public who were present at the meeting included: F. Seldin, and A. Timpson.

Public input: None

Committee Business:

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting for April 16, 2019 were moved by G. Lane, seconded by S. Taylor, and approved by a vote of 5-0-1, with S. Buckley abstaining from the vote. During consideration of these minutes, S. Buckley expressed concern that G. Freeman's edits to the minutes might not be in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The Chair said that she would contact the Attorney General's office to get an opinion.

**Summer Meeting Schedule:**

Members agreed that the committee would be in recess for the months of July and August (2019), and resume regular meetings in September.

**Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Charter**

**Section 4-7:**

The Chair stated that G. Freeman could not be at the meeting, but that she, G. Freeman had prepared some notes concerning proposed changes to this section (4-7), which differed from previously submitted draft language for proposed changes to the section. Noting also that there were three members of the committee absent, the Chair indicated the meeting would be used for further discussion of Section 4-7, without votes being taken. The Chair read the preamble to section 4-7 of the Charter, and previous draft language for proposed changes to Section 4-7, Subsections (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (i), and tangentially, subsection (o), were again presented to the committee members for further consideration and discussion.

A discussion ensued, and some of the committee members who were present expressed a belief that many of the proposed changes to Section 4-7 were neither necessary, nor appropriate. Other members of the committee voiced a belief that there was sufficient cause

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to consider some of the proposed changes, either as presented, or with some editing of the language in the proposed changes (as presented).

No votes were taken concerning changes to Section 4-7.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Leavitt and seconded by S. Smith; vote was 5-0-0 (Note: G. Lane excused himself from the meeting at approximately 6:25 PM). The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Minutes approved at June 18, 2019 meeting with 8 members present (7 in favor-1 opposed).