

**Pinellas County Charter Review Commission
Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2024
Palm Room-Pinellas County Communications Building
333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756
6:00 PM**

I.Call to Order - Brian Aungst, Chairman

II.Roll Call

III.Public Comment

IV.Review/Approval of January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

V.Discussion with Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus Re: CRC Items of Interest:

- a. Lowering Signature Percentage for Charter Amendment Petition Drives**
- b. Requiring Charter Referenda on General Election Ballot Only**
- c. Revising Publication Requirements for County Charter Amendment Referenda to Conform to the Florida Election Code**

VI.New Business:

- a. Review and Discussion - Overview of Constitutional Concepts Relating to Transfer of Powers and Consolidation of Services, and Discussion of Relevant Pinellas County Charter Provisions**
- b. Review and Discussion - General Overview of Case Law Relating to County Charter Amendments Affecting Budget and Millage**
- c. Review and Discussion - Additional County-Owned Lands Designated as Environmental Lands Subject to the Protections of Section 2.07**

VII.Old Business:

- a. Draft Ballot and Charter Language – Charter Amendment Lowering Signature Percentage for Charter Amendment Petition Drives**
- b. Draft Ballot and Charter Language – Charter Amendment Requiring Charter Referenda on General Election Ballot Only**
- c. Draft Ballot and Charter Language – Charter Amendment Revising Publication Requirements for County Charter Amendment Referenda to Conform to the Florida Election Code**
- d. Revised Draft Ballot and Charter Language – Two Options for Charter Amendment Revising Thresholds for Appointment and Removal of County Attorney**
- e. Proposed Florida Legislature Bills Re: Term Limits for County Commissioners:**
 - i.CS HB57 State Affairs Committee Adopted 021424**
 - ii.CS HB57 Staff Analysis 021424**
 - iii.CSSB 438 Senate Community Affairs Committee Substitute Bill 020824**

iv.CSSB 438 Senate Community Affairs Committee Staff Analysis 020824

v.CSSB 438 Senate Rules Committee Staff Analysis 021324

VIII.Other Business

IX.Upcoming Meetings (*Confirmed meetings in italics*, with balance of dates currently tentative meetings):

- a. *February 26, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- b. *March 6, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- c. *March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- d. *April 3, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- e. *April 17, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- f. *May 1, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- g. *May 15, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- h. *June 5, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- i. *June 19, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- j. *July 3, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- k. *July 17, 2024 @ 6:00 pm***
- l. **Note: CRC Report Deadline: NLT July 31, 2024****

X.CRC Commissioner Comments

XI.Adjournment

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