

Charter Review Commission (CRC) SPECIAL Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 4, 2021

1. Call to Order - Start time: 4:02pm (approx)

1a. Paul requested that the CRC start saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our meetings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1b. Land Acknowledgment

2. Roll Call

In Attendance: All commissioners in attendance except Kyle Davies

Members of the Public: Kathryn Hansen, Milene Henley, Randy Gaylord, Janet Alderton, Gordy Peterson

3. Approve Minutes from July 12 & 14 meetings

Commissioner Brownell was not listed as attending the 7/14 meeting – add her to the attendees.

7/12 & 7/14 minutes adopted as amended.

4. Review and approve Recommendations

Discussion.

Kevin: **Deadline for submission for recommendations and findings is Aug. 15** so we can see them before going over them at the CRC meeting on Aug. 18.

Kevin: Make the couple of changes needed on the findings and re-approve them as a full CRC. **The findings are really important so over the next week-and-a-half, go online and read the findings. If they don't reflect well to you, send your comments to the lead for whatever committee is responsible for those findings, and then the chair of each committee will send the final set of findings to Kevin, Olivia and Megan by Aug. 15.**

Kevin: **Let's send all those out to the full CRC.**

5. Next steps

Pro and Con Statements for Voter Pamphlet:

County Auditor Milene Henley: She appoints people to write the Pro and Con statements for the Voter Pamphlet. There's an established practice for that in SJC. The organization sponsoring our measures is San Juan County, so the SJCC has responsibility to appoint the committees. The Auditor has always helped with that process and given them names. The SJCC allows the CRC to name its own Pro argument writers.

We've already missed the deadline for submitting names, so she moved the deadline out.

The deadline for submitting names to write the Pro Statements is this Monday, Aug. 9.

On Tuesday, Aug. 10 she will be giving the SJCC the names of the people writing the Pro and Con statements, so we must submit the names of Pro Statements writers by Monday.

The deadline for submitting the Pro Statements is Friday, Aug. 20.

There's a brochure telling us how long they have to be – she'll email that to us. There can be up to three names for the Pro Statement in the Voter Pamphlet. There has to be at least one name. The Statements cannot be anonymously submitted. Any number of people can help write the statement, but only up to three names can appear in the Voters Pamphlet in print and online for each Statement. She is getting contacted by a number of people about these.

Milene would really like to have the names by Friday if possible.

Kevin: We may want to provide some of our Con Statement writers as well.

Kevin: Let's appoint some leads today for each of the subjects. Then they can decide if it's just them or if others will participate with them in the writing.

Bob: Proposed that the committee chairs write the Pro statements. And the people who wrote the minority report write the Con pieces.

Milene: The SJCC will be selecting the Con writers. They have a long list of people interested in writing the arguments against.

Kevin: There's also an extremely long list of people who want to write the Pro Statements.

Pro statement leads:

Justice & Equity amendments – Jane Fuller & Kyle Davies

Climate & Environment amendment - Anne Marie Shanks

Intro – Bob O'Connell

Term Limits amendment – Maureen See

Initiative & Referendum amendment – Patty Garcia

The Pro Statement should include what was the rationale that excited us and why we want people to vote for it.

Milene: Neither Pro nor Con get to see the other's statement until they're published. There is no back and forth. Whatever is turned in will be printed verbatim. If the word count exceeds the limit, then the last sentence will be truncated. No one checks the statements submitted for accuracy of statements!

Olivia: Do NOT use county email for anything regarding Pro or Con statements. Communicate with Milene from our personal email accounts. We will be sending emails to Milene's county email account.

Janet (in chat): As Milene said — only three people can show up in the pamphlet. As you're looking for names to sign on to the Pro Statement, it might be great to have one person listed from each island.

6. Discuss future meetings

Next CRC meeting is **Aug. 18 at 4pm**. We'll discuss findings and changes to recommendations.

7. New Business

Bob wrote an amended proposed amendment on Budget & Provisions to provide for the next CRC – suggestion to expand that from narrow budget to somewhat wider subject of the CRC's process. He has addressed the three problems we've run into and put them in this amendment and sent it out to the full CRC last night. We've already approved the original of this amendment for the 2022 ballot, but now would like to expand that and improve the expansion if the CRC would like to do that. **Please read his suggested changes to this amendment by the next meeting and put it on the agenda for that meeting.** The three items he addressed are:

1. When does the CRC close down?
2. Registering our amendments – how and relationship with auditor & SJCC
3. Position on what we would like to happen if we run into a conflict between CRC and another county official or group of officials – what do we do about counsel to represent the CRC? Bob has suggestions for what the CRC might propose to do in that situation.

8. Open for Public Comment (4:50pm)

Janet Alderton thanked us for our enormous efforts.
There were no other comments from the public

ADJOURNMENT – Adjourned at 4:58 pm

Sharon Abreu
CRC Member

Minutes were approved by consensus at the August 18, 2021 Special Meeting