



*April 18, 2013 at 7:30pm*  
*Notice posted*

## **Minutes**

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Meeting of the Charter Review Commission  
Cuyahoga County  
Wednesday, April 18, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.  
CCC Metro Campus, Cleveland OH**

Required notices were provided and posted and the public meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the Chair.

**Present: Akers; Tarter; Russell; Dietrich; Albright; McLaughlin; Headen; Callahan**

**Absent: Riley**

A quorum was present.

**Akers** introduced himself to the members of the public who attended this public meeting of the Charter Review Commission. **Akers** provided background information and asked the members of the audience if they would like to speak on any particular issues. **Akers** called on **Jason Russell**, a member of Cuyahoga County's Next Generation Council, to address the CRC. **Mr. Russell** introduced himself and provided background on himself and the Next Generation Council. He noted the presence of some of his colleagues on that Council.

**Mr. Russell** addressed proposed changes to the preamble of the County Charter. **Russell** re-iterated conversations begun at an earlier meeting of the CRC.

Specifically, **Russell** requested that the County include in its hiring processes an acknowledgement of “emerging trends” in the population to ensure that all aspects of the citizenry were adequately represented. **McLaughlin** asked **Russell** for further definition of “emerging trends”. **Russell** responded that this should include young, urban professionals. **Dietrich** noted that the word “special” had been deleted from an earlier version that would have required a heightened level of review in the county’s hiring process. **Russell** acknowledged **Dietrich**’s point and stated that the inclusion of the word “special” could relate a connotation that some sort of hiring quota was requested. **Headen** thanked **Russell** for his time and attention and inquired about the process that he, and the members of his group had undertaken in the review of the charter. **Russell** responded that they had reviewed the entire charter and felt that, overall, the document was well drafted. He noted that issues would undoubtedly arise but they were not contentious. **Albright** thanked the group for its attention to the process and the monitoring that was taking place. She noted that the vigilance of the public was vital to the success of the operation of the government.

There being no further business before the CRC, **Russell** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Tarter**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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