

**FINAL OFFICIAL
MEETING MINUTES
MIAMI-DADE CHARTER REVIEW
TASK FORCE (CRTF)**

Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade West Kendall Regional Library Auditorium
10201 Hammocks Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33196

May 9, 2012
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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE
PUBLIC HEARING
CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 9, 2012**

The Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force (the Task Force) convened the public hearing meeting on May 9, 2012, at the Miami-Dade West Kendall Regional Library Auditorium, 10201 Hammocks Boulevard, Miami, Florida, at 5:30 p.m. There being present Chairman Rene Garcia, Vice Chairwoman Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Mr. Armando Bucelo, Representative John Patrick Julien, Mr. Carlos Manrique, Mr. Terry Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Percival, and Mr. Donald Slesnick (Reverend Dr. Walter Richardson and Professor H. T. Smith were late). (Ms. Yolanda Aguilar, Mr. Joe Arriola, Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, City of Hialeah Councilwoman Isis Garcia-Martinez and Councilman Luis Gonzalez, Ms. Pamela Perry, Mr. Hans Ottinot, and Representative Carlos Trujillo were absent)

In addition to the members of the Task Force, the following elected officials and staff members were present: Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Joe Martinez, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks, Ms. Inson Kim, Ms. Lorna Mejia, Mr. Jefe Clayton, and Deputy Clerk Flora Real.

Chairman Rene Garcia called the meeting to order at approximately 5:41 p.m., and welcomed the Task Force members and all others present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Following a formal introduction of each of the Task Force members and staff, Chairman Rene Garcia explained the charge of the Task Force.

Chairman Joe Martinez, Board of County Commissioners, thanked all Task Force members for their participation in this important charge, which was to review the County's Home Rule Charter adopted in May 21, 1957. He noted the recommendations of this Task Force would have a constitutional impact, and urged its members to approach this responsibility comprehensively and bring forth conscientious, well-thought out recommendations.

Chairman of the Board Martinez commented on all of the infrastructure improvements made to the West Kendall area. He noted this would be his last term as a member of the County Commission.

Upon conclusion of the introductory remarks, Chairman Garcia proceeded to consider the public input.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing to have the public provide input and make suggestions.

Mr. Juan Zapata, 10610 S.W. 158 Court, No.105, Miami, Florida appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) be operated as an independent, not-for-profit entity with a contractual agreement with the County;
- that the JMH continue to provide services to the County as a public hospital;
- that the West Kendall area be considered for incorporation;
- that the tax revenues generated by the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) be invested in that area;
- that the County Commission focus on regional governments and its services;
- that the structural organization of the County Commission continue to have 13 single district members in order to maintain diversity; and
- that the impact of creating Countywide elected seats be reviewed in terms of what would be the incentives for individuals to run for a Countywide seat as opposed to a different office as well as an analysis of the impact of such a seat on the governance of the County and how it would function.

Mr. McHenry Hamilton, 7860 S.W. 86 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force members and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that term limits be imposed for a maximum of eight years;
- that County Commissioners' salaries be increased to a reasonable salary in the range of \$60,000;
- that the UMSA area be recognized and treated as a separate financial entity from the County; and
- that the County be restricted from spending UMSA generated tax revenues for any purpose other service the UMSA areas.

Mr. Lawrence Percival noted he would like to have UMSA abolished to allow the incorporation of all unincorporated areas in Miami-Dade County and change County government to regional governments.

Mr. Donald Slesnick noted members agreed, at the first Task Force meeting, that the intent of the community public hearings was to gather input and recommendations from the public; and that the members of the Task Force would not act or take an official position at these hearings.

In response to Mr. Carlos Manrique's inquiry regarding the salary compensation level for County Commissioners, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks clarified that the members of the Task Force could prepare a proposal to establish the salary level to other than the provisions of the State of Florida Statutes.

Ms. Alice Pena, 14390 S.W. 199 Avenue, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the terms of office for County Commissioners be limited to two four-year terms;
- that the County Commissioners' salaries be increased;

- that steps be taken to restore voter confidence;
- that the size of County government be reduced;
- that the operational costs of County government be reduced; and
- that efforts be made to reduce bureaucracy.

Mr. Miles Moss, 12900 S.W. 84 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the salary compensation level of County Commissioners be increased to a level attractive enough to encourage the average citizen to run for office; and that it be increased incrementally annually, based on a formula that would gradually reach a level comparable to the State of Florida's statutory formula;
- that County Commissioners' salaries be retroactively tied to the two four-year term limits;
- that County Commissioners be prohibited from holding outside employment once their salaries reached the state's statutory level, with an expressed intent to increase the diversity of the pool of candidates running for office;
- that the incorporation process be simplified;
- that citizens petitioning an incorporation be allowed to work with members of the County Administration on budgetary issues and to place questions directly on the ballot; and
- that the Countywide elected seats on the County Commission be reinstated.

In response to Dr. Richardson's inquiry regarding Countywide elected seats, Mr. Moss noted Task Force members should determine the appropriate number of Countywide and single member district seats.

In response to Chairman Garcia's inquiry on County Commissioners' salaries, Mr. Moss advised that the Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations would submit a recommendation identifying the proposed formula to increase the salaries after their meeting tomorrow (5/10).

In response to Representative Julien's question regarding the proposal to tie County Commissioners' salaries to term limits retroactively, Mr. Moss advised that the compensation would be tied to term limits if that question was approved by the electorate.

Following further discussion regarding proposals to increase County Commissioners' salaries and the County Commission's structure, Mr. Moss pointed out that the Federal Court's ruling on single member districts prohibited the composition of the County Commission from comprising only Countywide elected seats.

Discussion ensued among Task Force members regarding the proposal to prohibit County Commissioners from outside employment and the appropriate number of Countywide elected seats.

Mr. Lenny Feldman, 20630 N.E. 22 Place, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the incorporation process be streamlined;
- that the signature requirement for citizens' initiatives be reduced to 10 percent of the registered voters;
- that the annexation option of incorporation be reviewed with emphasis on crafting appropriate language to address conflicting language;
- that the financial burden created by the conflicting language between Section 6.07 of the Charter, entitled Franchise of Utilities Taxes, which states that revenues realized from franchise and utility taxes imposed by municipalities shall belong to the municipalities, and the language contained in Miami-Dade Municipal Code, specifically Sections 20-8.1 and 20-8.2, which states that any changes in the boundaries of municipalities involving the annexation of unincorporated areas shall be affected only upon the condition and with the reservation that the County shall forever continue to collect and receive all utility tax revenues as well as franchise and electric franchise revenues within such annexed areas; and
- that citizens wishing to become a regional government be allowed to determine whether incorporation or annexation was the best option for their area.

Mr. Feldman offered to assist and provide guidance in the review of the annexation option of incorporations.

Chairman Garcia asked Mr. Feldman to submit his recommendations to the Task Force, in writing, to ensure that copies were provided for review by members during the deliberations.

Mr. Percival announced the Task Force would schedule additional public hearings upon the conclusion of the deliberations to present proposed Charter recommendations and revisions. He noted the public could remain informed on the status of this process via the Charter Review web page dedicated for this purpose, and noted members of the public were invited to attend the Task Force meetings and voice their comments/concerns.

Mr. Slesnick noted Task Force members agreed to schedule only one final public hearing at the end of the deliberations.

Ms. Kathy Charles, 1547 S.W. 152 Court, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the timeframe to collect signatures for citizens' initiatives be extended to 120 days from the successful circulation of the petition;
- that the positions of Public Safety Director, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector remain appointed positions;
- that the questions of County Commissioners' salaries and the prohibition of outside employment be grouped as one question;
- that the terms of office be limited to two consecutive four-year terms to include an additional one, four-year term served prior to November 2012;

- that the organization of the County Commission remain as is;
- that the Charter Review Task Force be allowed to place proposed Charter amendments or revisions approved by a majority vote directly on the ballot; and
- that an independent task force be appointed to prepare a Countywide incorporation plan.

Pursuant to hypothetical questions made by several Task Force members, Ms. Charles clarified the intent of her recommendation on term limits and salaries.

Mr. Andrew Nierenberg, 13725 S.W. 104 Court, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force on behalf of the Village of the Falls Steering Committee, and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the County Commissioners' salaries be increased above \$94,000 as previously proposed;
- that no prohibition be placed on outside employment;
- that the statutory salary compensation of County Commissioners be enforced;
- that the ethics provisions of the Charter be strengthened to expand the subpoena powers, establish sanctions, and incriminate violators to ensure the citizenry that County Commissioners would not benefit from illicit means;
- that the ballot questions on salary compensation and term limits be separated;
- that a process be established to require County Commissioners to report all personal benefits received to set forth transparency to the citizenry;
- that the amount of funds County Commissioners could actually control while asking for an increase in salary compensation be restricted;
- that incumbent County Commissioners be allowed to serve another full term from the effective date term limits were established if passed;
- that the 25 percent signature requirement for citizens' initiatives be lowered to 10 percent of the electorate;
- that the process of soliciting and collecting petitions for incorporations be reviewed to develop and establish a fair and democratic process to allow community groups to come before the voters without the process being thwarted by the Board; and
- that the Task Force should have the authority and ability to place directly on the ballot those initiatives approved by either majority or super majority vote.

Mr. Nierenberg advised that he was the Co-Chair of Village of the Falls Steering Committee and the Budget and Finance Chair of Village of the Falls Steering Committee. He also noted he had been an appointee of former Commissioner Katy Sorenson to FRAC.

Discussion ensued regarding the incorporation process of the Falls area.

Mr. Nierenberg advised that his group stood ready to meet with staff members of the Office of Budget and Management and the Finance Department to discuss incorporation related issues to develop a fair, democratic, and equitable process.

Dr. Richardson clarified that the Task Force had the authority to place directly on the ballot proposed amendments approved by two-thirds majority vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the language contained in the resolution creating the Task Force relating to whether the County Commission was obligated to place on the ballot proposed amendments approved by two-thirds majority vote.

Pursuant to Mr. Smith's question, Mr. Nierenberg clarified he was representing the Village of the Falls Steering Committee; but he was also a member of Let's Incorporate Now Coalition (LINC).

Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Nierenberg submit his proposed recommendations in writing for the Task Force's consideration.

Following a discussion regarding the process of incorporation and the politics involving that process, Ms. Greer advised that she intended to introduce a proposal addressing the Board's resistance to petitions whereby the process would follow the rules of budget analysis; and upon completion of the process, the incorporation question would be placed directly on the ballot for the electorate to vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the intricate process of incorporation and the development of language addressing the placement of incorporation related questions directly on the ballot for the electorate to vote.

Mr. Nierenberg advised that the Village of the Falls Steering Committee intended to submit for the Task Force's consideration specific proposed recommendations on a point by point basis. He noted those recommendations had already been submitted to Mayor Gimenez and various county commissioners.

Discussion ensued regarding the rationale for empowering the citizenry with the right to incorporate and the power for self-determination.

Mr. Percival commented that Mr. Miles Moss and Mr. Juan Zapata, who were present at today's meeting, had been members of the Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) of West Kendall for the incorporation study of this area. He stated the county commissioner of this district had said: "I want you to consider the entirety of my district as part of your boundaries." He also stated the MAC members decided not to accept the commissioner's terms after being told three times, and the commissioner shut down the incorporation process, took his football, and went home. He noted that showed the power commissioners had.

Mr. Percival also stated other incumbent commissioners had also clearly expressed a desire to have any proposed incorporations within their district comprise the entire district they represented. He noted it was not self-determination when commissioners dictated the rules and were able to shut down the process. He advised the rules were unfair, and he believed that this Task Force needed to address these issues in an equitable manner.

Ms. Anne Cates, 13939 N.W. 1 Avenue, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the salary compensation level of County Commissioners be increased as provided by the State of Florida formula;
- that two four-year term limits be proposed;
- that incumbent County Commissioners be limited to run for office for one four-year term;
- that the electorate be empowered to determine whether to incorporate or annex;
- that the number of religious organizations allowed within one regional area in the County be limited; and
- that the subpoena powers granted to the Property Appraiser be reviewed.

Mr. Kenneth Bluh, 7745 S.W. 86 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the electorate be empowered to incorporate;
- that the County Commission be required to focus on important county related issues affecting the community such as deepening of a canal, aging sewer system, mass transit, and marketing our community;
- that the salary compensation level of County Commissioners be increased as provided by the State of Florida formula if serving on a full-time basis; and
- that the prohibition of no outside employment for County Commissioners be proposed.

Mr. Anthony Garcia, 14810 S.W. 63 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that salary compensation level of County Commissioners not be increased inasmuch as any public office should be a position of service; and
- that no Charter amendments be proposed.

Ms. Holly White, 9300 S.W. 80 Avenue, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the citizens be empowered to make more decisions at the local level; and
- that the Task Force should publicize more its charge and schedule of public hearings to promote public attendance and comment.

Chairman Garcia asked that Ms. White help in this effort by publicizing in newsletters or any other type of publication the dates of the public hearings.

In response to Ms. White's recommendation that high school students be required to attend a County Commission meeting as a field trip and as part of their education, Ms. Greer advised that the Miami-Dade School Board had eliminated from its budget all types of field trips due to budgetary constraints.

Ms. White recommended high school students be required to attend a County Commission meeting as one of the requirements to fulfill the required community service hours.

Mr. Smith asked that any suggestions to promote voters' participation be submitted.

Mr. Tom Hutton, 11025 S.W. 119 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the 25 percent signature requirement for citizens' initiatives be lowered; and
- that the electorate be empowered to initiate citizens' petitions of any sort.

Ms. Bonnie Hutton, 11025 S.W. 119 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the Charter include language stating that incorporation or annexation petitions had precedence over any other process of the Board.

Ms. Greer noted the Charter provided the Board the authority to initiate and place on the ballot the question of whether an area should be incorporated without any consent or participation of the voters in the affected area.

Ms. Bev Gerald, 14271 S.W. 74 Court, 11025 S.W. 119 Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the Task Force and presented the following recommendations for their consideration:

- that the citizens' initiative process for incorporation be reviewed;
- that the 25 percent signature requirement for citizens' initiatives be lowered to 10 percent; and
- that the electorate be empowered with self-determination.

In a closing statement, Mr. Smith noted the Task Force was holding the public hearings to learn from the public prior to engaging in deliberations.

Chairman Garcia asked that a copy of all suggestions and proposals be submitted to the County Attorney's Office and County Administration in order to have that information available at the next meeting.

Mr. Slesnick asked that County staff include in the agenda folder for the next meeting a copy of the Miami Herald editorials he intended to submit to staff.

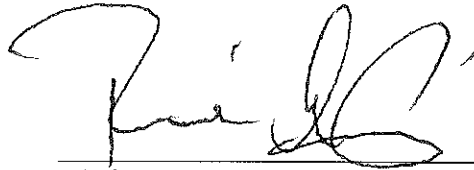
Mr. Manrique asked that proposed recommendations be sent electronically to the members of the Task Force through the Charter Review Task Force web page and that the Charter article or Florida Statute associated with the recommendation be referenced.

Ms. Greer suggested that a dialogue with the County Attorney's Office could be initiated in terms of the language for proposed amendments.

Chairman Garcia announced the next Task Force public hearing was scheduled for May 10, 2012, at the South Dade Regional Library at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other speakers to come before the Charter Review Task Force, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Chairman Rene Garcia
Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force



**Board of County Commissioners
Charter Review Task Force – Public Hearing
May 9, 2012**

Prepared by: Jovel Shaw

EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	5/9/2012		Meeting Media Advisory
2	5/9/2012		Roll Call Sheet
3	5/9/2012		Meeting Agenda
4	5/9/2012		A copy of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter suggestions submitted by Mrs. Kathy Charles
5	5/9/2012		2012 Charter Review Task Force Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
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**CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
TONIGHT
AT WEST KENDALL REGIONAL LIBRARY**

NEW MEETING INFORMATION

***Hialeah public hearing taking place on Monday, May 14, at Wilde
Community Center***

(MIAMI, May 9, 2012) – The Miami-Dade County Charter Review Task Force is conducting Public Hearings, which will allow for public input and focused study of possible amendments to the County Charter. Tonight's meeting is taking place at 5:30 p.m., at West Kendall Regional Library, 10201 Hammocks Boulevard, Miami, FL 33196. The Friday, May 11 meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the same location, Wilde Community Center, 1701 W. 53rd Terrace, Hialeah, FL 33012.

Residents are encouraged to provide their input at the Public Hearings or at www.miamidade.gov/charter. Members of the 2012 Charter Review Task Force will be in attendance at the Public Hearings.

On March 8, 2012, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution R-253-12 creating a Charter Review Task Force. The Task Force is charged with reviewing the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County; studying the final report of the 2008 Charter Review Task Force; reviewing amendments submitted to the voters since 2008; inviting knowledgeable members of the community to appear; conducting public hearings; hosting regional public meetings; and providing written recommendations to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their July 17, 2012 meeting.

The Task Force consists of 20 members, 13 of the members are appointed by each County Commissioner, one by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, four by each of the four largest cities in the County, and two by the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

For more information about the Charter Review Task Force, visit
www.miamidade.gov/charter/task-force-2012.asp.

WHAT: 2012 Miami-Dade County Charter Review Task Force Public Hearings

WHEN Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

AND West Kendall Regional Library

WHERE: 10201 Hammocks Boulevard
Miami, FL 33196

Thursday, May 10, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

South Dade Regional Library

10750 SW 211th Street

Miami, FL 33189

NEW MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, May 14, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Wilde Community Center

1701W. 53rd Terrace

Hialeah, FL 33012

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128

MIAMI-DADE CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE
MEETING DATE OF MAY 9, 2012

	TASK FORCE MEMBERS	Present	Late	Absent
1	Ms. Yolanda Aguilar			X
2	Mr. Joe Arriola			X
3	Mr. Jeffrey Berchow			X
4	Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez			X
5	Mr. Armando Bucelo	5:40 PM		
6	Senator Rene Garcia	5:40 PM		
7	Councilwoman Isis Garcia-Martinez			X
8	Councilman Luis Gonzalez			X
9	Ms. Evelyn Greer	5:40 PM		
10	Representative John Patrick Julien	5:40 PM		
11	Mr. Carlos Manrique	5:40 PM		
12	Mr. Terry Murphy	5:40 PM		
13	Mr. Hans Ottinot			X
14	Mr. Lawrence Percival	5:40 PM		
15	Ms. Pamela Perry			X
16	Reverend Dr. Walter Richardson		5:50 PM	
17	Mr. Donald Slesnick	5:40 PM		
18	Professor H. T. Smith		6:10 PM	
19	Representative Carlos Trujillo			X
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	Staff Members:			
	<i>ACA Cynthia Johnson-Stacks</i>			
	<i>Ms. Inson Kim (Mayor's Office)</i>			
	<i>Ms. Lorna Mejia (Mayor's Office)</i>			
	<i>Mr. Jeve Clayton (Mayor's Office)</i>			
	<i>Deputy Clerk Flora Real</i>			

Eleven (11) members constitutes a quorum

**Miami-Dade County Charter Review Task Force
Public Hearing Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2012
West Kendall Regional Library
10201 Hammocks Boulevard
5:30 p.m.**

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Public Hearing**
- **Adjournment**

EXHIBIT

CHARTER REVIEW TASK
FORCE PUBLIC HEARINGS
MAY 9, 2012

Miami-Dade County
Home Rule Charter

Preamble

We, the people of this County, in order to secure for ourselves the benefits and responsibilities of home rule, to create a metropolitan government to serve our present and future needs, and to endow our municipalities with the rights of self determination in their local affairs, do under God adopt this home rule Charter.

October 31, 2007 Final Recommendations

In its October 31, 2007 Initial Report, the Task Force made the recommendations listed below. Resulting Action listed in bold and input provided in italics after each item:

1. The **Public Safety Director** should remain an appointed position. However, the Task Force recommended that the electors of Miami-Dade County be asked whether they wish to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that: the **Public Safety Director** (i.e. Sheriff, Police Chief) shall be appointed by the Mayor for a period of four (4) years, at the expiration of each term subject to re-appointment; that the appointment can be vetoed by a super majority (two-thirds) vote of the County Commission; that the Public Safety Director could be removed by the Mayor subject to the consent of a simple majority vote of the County Commission; or by the County Commission subject to a super majority (two-thirds) vote. Once appointed, that person shall carry out the functions of the office independent of the Mayor and County Commission except for funding and budgeting matters. (Motion passed: 10-5)

No Action taken by BCC. *Recommend consider supporting in 2012 Recommendations.*

2. The **Supervisor of Elections** should remain an appointed position. However, the Task Force recommended that the electors of Miami-Dade County be asked whether they wish to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that: the **Supervisor of Elections** shall be appointed by the Mayor for a period of four (4) years, at the expiration of each term subject to re-appointment; that the appointment can be vetoed by a super majority (two-thirds) vote of the County Commission; that the Supervisor of Elections could be removed by the Mayor subject to the consent of a simple majority vote of the County Commission; or by the County Commission subject to a super majority (two-thirds) vote. Once appointed, that person shall carry out the functions of the office independent of the Mayor and County Commission except for funding and budgeting matters. (Motion passed: 10-5)

No Action taken by BCC. *Recommend consider supporting in 2012 Recommendations.*

3. The position of **Property Appraiser** become an elected position. (Motion passed: 12-4)

Approved by Electors in Charter Ballot Question – Elected Property Appraiser in place.

4. The Task Force recommends that the electors of Miami-Dade County be asked whether they wish to amend the Home Rule Charter to provide that County Commissioners shall receive a population based salary provided by Florida's Statutory formula (approximately \$91,995); Commissioner's terms in office shall be limited to two, four-year terms; and Commissioners shall be prohibited from having outside employment. (Motion passed: 14-0)

Placed on Ballot twice since recommendation in various forms as single question but multi-parts. The ballot items failed in various ballot language adaptations.

Recommend one Charter question on prohibition on outside employment and salary based on Florida Statutory formula. Possibly add increase prohibition time on Lobbying. (Compensation Issue)

Term limit as separate question framed to allow two consecutive, four year term including one-four year term served prior to November 2012. (Issues of service/ effect of incumbency)

5. The **Tax Collector** remain as an appointed position. (Motion passed unanimously: 14-0)
No Action Taken. *Agree the function not exercising discretionary policy making.*

6. The manner in which the Board of County Commissioners is currently comprised shall remain as is, with 13 single-member Commission Districts. (Motion passed: 14-1)

No Action Taken. *Agree that current Commission composition is appropriately structured*

January 29, 2008 Final Recommendations

The Task Force continued its work, and on January 17, 2008 adopted additional **final** recommendations listed below. Resulting Action listed in bold and input provided in italics after each item:

7. The County Commission appoint an independent Task Force to prepare and submit a comprehensive plan in 2009 for countywide incorporation, accomplished through annexation and/or incorporation, subject to amendments or changes by two-thirds vote of the County Commission, and that such plan be placed on the ballot for all citizens to vote on at a general election in 2010. (Motion passed: 9-5)

No Action taken by BCC. *Recommend consider strongly supporting in 2012 Recommendations. The County Commission appoint an independent Task Force to prepare and submit a comprehensive plan in 2013 for countywide incorporation, accomplished through annexation and/or incorporation, subject to amendments or changes by two-thirds vote of the County Commission, and that such plan be placed on the ballot for all citizens to vote on at a general election in 2014. This is in addition to allowing creation of municipalities by petition process.*

Ballot question on Nov 6th 2012 on support for countywide incorporation through establishment independent Taskforce to develop plan to place all unincorporated area within a city, amended by a supermajority of the Commission an place on general election ballot of 2014. Commissioner Monestime proposed and subsequently withdrew sponsorship of Resolution calling of ballot question.

8. The electors of Miami-Dade County be asked whether the Home Rule Charter should be amended to empower future Charter Review Task Forces to place proposed Charter amendments directly on the ballot, if the proposed Charter amendment is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Task Force members present; and to provide that the appointment process for future Task Force members be the same as contained in Sections 1 and 2 of the resolution creating the current Charter Review Task Force, with the exception that the provision allowing Commissioners to appoint themselves to the Task Force be deleted. (Motion passed: 9-5)

No Action. *Not sure if needed. Commissioners are responsible as elected Officials for deliberating thoughtfully on the items.*

9. The electors of Miami-Dade County be asked whether the Home Rule Charter should be amended to provide that the time period to collect signatures for proposed Charter amendments and citizens' initiatives be extended to 120 days and that proposed Charter amendments must only be placed on the ballot during a general election. (Motion passed: 14-0)

Approved on Jan. 2012 Ballot.

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2012 Charter Reform Task Force Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet

West Kendall Regional Library

May 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm

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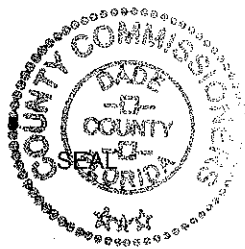
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I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the May 9, 2012, Board of County Commissioners' Charter Review Task Force (CRTF) meeting minutes, as appears of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 21ST day of May, A.D., 2012.



HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By: 
Deputy Clerk