

**Cecil County Charter Board
Worksession Meeting Minutes**

November 23, 2009

PRESENT: Joyce Bowlsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, Robert Gell, Harland Graef, Chris Ann Szep, Ed Cole, Ross Cameron, and Barry Montgomery, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, and Consultant Victor Tervalá, Esquire.

ABSENT: Henry Burden

OPEN SESSION called to order at 6:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2009 – On motion by Mr. Graef, second by Mr. Cole, the Board approved the minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting as presented.

Old Business

Review of 2010 Charter draft – Version 9

Section 515 – Discussion ensued regarding the comments provided by the Treasurer regarding special funds and user fees. Government accounting standards (GASB) will ensure accounting standards for special funds or fees in the budget. The exact language in this section was taken from the Dorchester Charter, and they have not experienced any problems with the language.

ACTION: On motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Graef, the Board moved to remove the words “user fees” from paragraph (a) of this section. The motion passed.

New Business

Review draft of Article 7 Transitional Provisions – Mr. Tervalá reviewed Sections 701 through 712 of this section. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for establishing the effective date of the charter to coincide with elections and staggered terms of office for the council. The Board agreed that the various components of the charter must be enacted without the need for a special election. Based on the discussion, Mr. Tervalá will revise the language in this section for the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding developing the charter educational seminars for the public.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, second by Mr. Cole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Charter Board is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Perryville Room of the Cecil County Administration Building.

Approved:

Attest:

Joyce Bowlsbey, Chair

Vicky Rinkerman, Exec. Office Administrator