

**Cecil County Charter Board  
Worksession Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Joyce Bowsbey, Henry Burden, Edwin Cole, Harland Graef, Daniel Schneckeburger (arrived late), Chris Ann Szep, Administrative Assistant Mylia Dixon, and Consultant Victor Tervalá, Esquire via telephone, and members of the public.

**ABSENT:** Robert Gell and Ross Cameron

**OPEN SESSION called to order at 6:10 p.m.**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion by Ms. Szep, seconded by Mr. Burden, the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Summer meetings** – Discussion ensued regarding summer meetings of the committee. The Board concurred to resume meetings September 14, 2009 in the Perryville Room

**Old Business**

**Review of Draft Charter version 4**

**Section 304 (b)**

ACTION: The Board reviewed and approved the revisions to this section.

**Section 402 (c)** – Add...”when executive deems necessary” to this section.

**New Business – Referring to 1996 Cecil County Charter**

**Section 303 Election of County Executive** – Discussion ensued regarding the term of office for an elected county executive, and when the first election for the office would be held.

ACTION: The Board concurred to leave both references in this section.

ACTION: The Board unanimously agreed to invite Evelyn Potter from the Elections Office to a meeting to discuss voter turnout and ask for her insight on terms of office. The Board will discuss this issue further at a future meeting.

**Section 305 Qualifications of County Executive** – Discussion ensued regarding qualifications. Mr. Tervalá is working on language stating the individual needs to be a US citizen and removing the language referring to being unable to hold any other office for two years.

ACTION: The Board concurred to remove review this section at a later date.

**Section 306 Compensation for County Executive** – The Board concurred to discuss this section at a later date.

**Section 307 Vacancy in the Office of the County Executive** - The Board concurred to remove the term “disqualification” and will continue the discussion at a later date.

**Section 308 Forfeiture of Office of the County Executive** – Mr. Tervala is reviewing language for this section.

**Adjournment**

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Graef, seconded by Ms. Bowsbey, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date** – The Board will meet on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Perryville Room in the County Administration Building.

Approved:

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Joyce Bowsbey, Chair

Attest:

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Mylia Dixon  
Administrative Assistant