

URBAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION (UCCC)

Randy Autio, Chair
Dede Feldman, Vice Chair



Albert Chavez, Member
Tasia Young, Member
Lorri Zumwalt, Member
Jordy Stern, Member
Terry Brunner, At-Large

Action Report – March 30, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 3:35 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vincent C. Murphy	Deputy County Manager		3:15 pm
Ken Martinez	County Attorney		4:30 pm
Vice Chair, Dede Feldman	BCC District 1 Representative		3:15 pm
Albert Chavez	BCC District 2 Representative	Absent	
Tasia Young	BCC District 3 Representative		3:15 pm
Lorri Zumwalt	BCC District 4 Representative		3:15 pm
Jordy Stern	BCC District 5 Representative		3:15 pm
Terry Brunner	BCC At-Large Representative	Absent	
Chair, Randy Autio	BCC At-Large Representative		3:15 pm

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA A. NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

HEARD: George Richmond, Member of League of Women Voters

HEARD: Wayne Johnson, Vice Chair, Bernalillo County Commission

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HEARD: Request for approval of minutes by Chair Autio. Seconded by Vince Murphy

ACTION: Unanimous Approval

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Rules of Procedure

HEARD: Question about the rules – how do we keep items moving forward? Chair

talks about subcommittees – propose drafts to come back to the full UCCC for discussion and final vote approval. Rules will be used and what isn't addressed we fall back to Robert's Rules of Order.

ACTION: Vice Chair Feldman moved to accept Rules of Procedures as amended, seconded by Tasia Young – Unanimous approval.

B. Plan of Action

HEARD: Discussion on the UCCC plan of action to include: topics of the charter; process for addressing the topics and writing the drafts; and calendar of topics.

ACTION:

1. Process: Subcommittees will be assigned to write a draft and bring back to UCCC for discussion at meeting. The UCCC must keep the calendar in mind. The first Progress Report by the UCCC is due at the April 26th BCC Administrative Meeting as a discussion item.
2. Topics Identified for further research and discussion:
 - Compensation
 - Redistricting/Re-appropriation
 - Elected Officials (elected official's appointed staff qualifications)
 - Administration appointees – more than just County Manager and County Attorney?
 - Personnel
 - Elections
 - Code of Conduct/Ethics – Current ordinance
 - Budget/Finance/Treasurer – Special majorities in regards to reserve funds
 - HUD funding ability (CDBG)
3. Calendar: Meaghan will prepare a calendar depicting the topics per meeting date.

C. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF RESEARCH ITEMS

HEARD:

- Truman Scholar, Victoria Ochoa, discussed her research in the last two weeks. She reviewed the County Governing Charter Overview document provided to the UCCC at today's meeting.
- Tasia Young provided a historical perspective on the 2001 Charter failure. Prevailing concerns of voters: wanted protect rural lifestyles; wanted to protect urban taxpayers from paying for changes. To succeed in 2016 we need to concentrate on educating the voters as to the importance of adopting a Charter. Clear and simple messaging to understand with a WIFFM "hook."

ACTION: Data on 2004 Charter election will be provided to UCCC, once received by Deputy County Clerk, Roman Montoya.

6. UCCC AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEARD: NONE

ACTION: NONE

7. UCCC AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

HEARD: Propose Chair and a Couple Volunteers work with DCM and Staff on drafts; or create a number of committees divided by topic.

ACTION: Subcommittees and members (volunteered)

1. Preamble, Creation, Powers and Ordinances: T. Young, R. Autio
2. Personnel
3. Elections – D. Feldman
4. Code of Conduct/Ethics
5. General Powers: Land use, Special Districts, Taxation, Bonding, Budget: T. Young
6. Amendments: D. Feldman
7. Transitional Process: R. Autio
8. Citizen Initiative & Referendum: D. Feldman

8. DISCUSSION

HEARD: Email Discussion points from Terry Brunner:

“...I wanted to mention a few issues/questions that come to mind on my part that might be considered for the next and subsequent meetings. I suggest that it will be important to have staff/elected officials involved to discuss the following topics (based on the 2001 Charter) when we get to them:

- a. Article II on property records (this seems to have received special attention in the 2001 charter, why?)
- b. Article III on composition of the Property Assessment Committee (is this a new entity and why is it required?)
- c. Article III on each elected official
- d. Article III, Section B—County Treasurer regarding the Investment Committee (with recent Treasurer issues we should probably check with experts to see if this is an effective way to monitor investments)

- e. Article IV on Classification/Exemption
- f. Article VI on Land Use. (This section seems to be a bit poorly worded and ill-defined given that it will be something people in unincorporated areas will be very concerned about)

Perhaps we can begin at the next meeting putting together a calendar of presentations on the topics that might require some additional information from current staff/elected officials so that they (and we) have plenty of time to prepare.

- 2. I'd like to understand better why, in the 2001 charter, they chose to establish "Executive Director" positions under the Clerk, Assessor and the Treasurer. In my experience that is an unusual administrative title for local government administration. Is there a better title to use? Is there some concept behind the ED title we need to be made aware of? That should be a topic for discussion.
- 3. Why are the topics of removal from office of elected officials or vacancies in office not contemplated for any of the elected positions in the 2001 charter? That ought to be subject of discussion, especially in light of recent controversies with the County Treasurer's office.
- 4. County discrimination policies use outdated language in the 2001 document. For instance, the federal government now uses, "race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, and political beliefs. There ought to be some state boilerplate language for that that easily replaces that which is in the 2001 charter."

ACTION: NONE

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT URBAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING:

A. Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 3:30 p.m., 4th Floor Human Resources Conference Room III.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.