

**Citizen Charter Review Committee
Public Hearing
June 30, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Leon County Main Library
Programming Room**

The Leon County 2025-2026 Citizen Charter Review Committee (CCRC) met on June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Leon County Main Library with Committee Members Mary Ann Lindley, Joey Davis, Linda Bond Edwards, Max Herrle, Darryl Jones, Henry Lewis, III, Heidi Otway, Ryan Ray, Shamarial Roberson, Temple Robinson, Bruce Strouble, Jr., Jarrett Terry, Katrina Tuggerson, and Barry Wilcox in attendance. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Ken Morris, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, Assistant to the County Administrator for Legislative and Strategic Initiatives Nicki Hatch, Management Analyst Cameron Williams, and Clerks to the Board, Beryl Wood and Daniel J. Antonaccio.

Absent Members: Chauncy Haynes, Liz Ellis, Anita Favors, Howard Kessler, Slaton Murray, Sean Pittman, and William Smith.

Call to Order and Opening Mary Ann Lindley, Chair

Chair Lindley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Consent:

Ryan Ray moved, seconded by Darryl Jones, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion carried 12 – 0 with Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes, Liz Ellis, Anita Favors, Max Herrle, Howard Kessler, Slaton Murray, Sean Pittman, Shamarial Roberson, and William Smith not present.

Approval of May 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Receipt & File of Written Public Comments

- *Shamarial Roberson and Max Herrle arrived at this juncture of the meeting.*

Public Comment:

- Melanie Andrade, 3349 Argonaut Drive, spoke in support of advancing the proposed amendment to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners, stating that public policy decisions have long-term impacts and the proposed amendment language would preserve accountability across administrations and political cycles.
- Delilah Pierre, 3303 Ty Cobb Road, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. She cited disparities in infrastructure, schools, access to resources, and economic conditions among Tallahassee communities.
- Thomas Speirs, 123 Locke Street, spoke in support of the proposed amendment, stating that it represented a concrete step toward addressing historic harms.
- Stephanie McMillion, a resident of 32301, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. She stated that long-term assessment, transparency, and accountability are appropriate Charter functions and cited urban renewal projects, including Smokey Hollow, as examples of lasting impacts.

- Julie Meadows Keefe, 3256 Appleton Drive, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. She stated that the amendment does not mandate spending or preferential treatment but requires a transparent assessment of lasting public harms from past governmental decisions.

Public Hearing:

Agenda Item #1: First of Three Public Hearings to Consider the Proposed Charter Amendment Language to Provide for Community Impact Assessments

Nicki Hatch introduced the proposed charter amendment addressing adverse community conditions related to historic County laws, policies and governmental practices. She noted that the proposed amendment would require periodic community impact assessments, publicly available findings, the Board of County Commissioners' public review and consideration of each assessment, and adoption of an implementing ordinance by April 1, 2027.

She stated that the ordinance would establish the operational procedures such as geographically based assessment criteria. Placing these details in an ordinance would provide flexibility to respond to changing community needs, legal requirements, and restrictions without requiring future Charter amendments. She clarified that the draft amendment was a starting point, reminding the Committee that they may revise it or provide additional direction during any of the three public hearings before recommending it to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for consideration in August 2026.

Bruce Strouble, Jr., moved, seconded by Ryan Ray, for approval of Option #1: Conduct the first of three public hearings to consider a proposed Charter Amendment to provide for Community Impact Assessments (Attachment #1), and advance the proposed Charter Amendment for consideration at the Committee's second of three public hearings on July 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion carried 14 – 0 with Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes, Liz Ellis, Anita Favors, Howard Kessler, Slaton Murray, Sean Pittman, and William Smith not present.

Max Herrle raised questions regarding public participation and notification of the proposed amendment. He asked how the public would be informed as the item moved forward and inquired about a presentation explaining the proposal.

Nicki Hatch responded that meetings are publicly noticed through standard channels and social media. She added that an agenda item would be presented to the Board during its public hearing in August. That agenda item would summarize the proposal and its development. She also confirmed that a comprehensive final report documenting the Committee's actions would be presented to the Board at a later date.

Max Herrle suggested holding a public meeting or one of the upcoming public hearings in other locations, such as Frenchtown or Southside.

Nicki Hatch noted that moving a formal hearing would involve significant logistical considerations, including accommodating the 21-member committee, public participation, and broadcasting requirements.

Darryl Jones encouraged Committee members to participate in future public discussions as private citizens after the Committee is dissolved. He noted that community organizations, such as the NAACP, would likely hold public discussions if the proposed amendment advances to the ballot.

County Attorney O'Steen stated that after the Committee submits its recommendation, the Board may only approve or reject the proposed amendment. The Committee's final public hearing is the last time that proposed language can be modified.

Joey Davis asked for clarification on when Sunshine Law restrictions will no longer apply to Committee members.

Nicki Hatch clarified that following its final public hearing, the Committee will dissolve, and members will no longer be subject to the Committee's Sunshine Law restrictions. Once the measure is placed on the ballot, the County will be subject to additional legal restrictions regarding how it communicates about the proposal.

Adjournment:

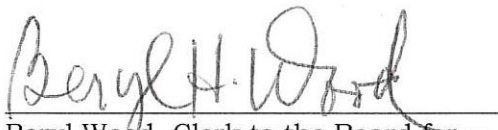
Darryl Jones moved, seconded by Bruce Strouble, Jr., to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried 14 – 0 with Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes, Liz Ellis, Anita Favors, Howard Kessler, Slaton Murray, Sean Pittman, and William Smith not present.

Chair Lindley reminded the Committee that its next public hearing would be on July 16, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Lindley, Chair
Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee


Beryl Wood, Clerk to the Board for
Gwen Marshall Knight, Clerk of Court