

**Citizen Charter Review Committee
Public Hearing
July 16, 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 July 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Leon County Main Library with Committee Members Mary Ann Lindley, Joey Davis, Anita Favors, Max Herrle, Howard Kessler, Henry Lewis, III, Sean Pittman, Ryan Ray, Bruce Strouble, Jr., Jarrett Terry, 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, Linda Bond Edwards, Liz Ellis, Darryl Jones, Slaton Murray, Heidi Otway, Shamarial Roberson, Temple Robinson, William Smith, and Katrina Tuggerson.

Call to Order and Opening Mary Ann Lindley, Chair

Chair Lindley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Consent:

Ryan Ray moved, seconded by Howard Kessler, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion carried 11 – 0 with Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes, Linda Bond Edwards, Liz Ellis, Darryl Jones, Slaton Murray, Heidi Otway, Shamarial Roberson, Temple Robinson, William Smith, and Katrina Tuggerson not present.

Approval of June 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Receipt & File of Written Public Comments

Public Comment:

- Katherine Kurzweil, a Florida State University (FSU) student residing in Tallahassee, expressed support for the proposed amendment related to historic harms. She cited disparities in transportation and infrastructure between FSU and lower-income communities, including Frenchtown. She also discussed the displacement and environmental contamination of the historic Smokey Hollow community, encouraging the County to examine similar harms, prevent their recurrence, and consider remedies for affected families and their descendants.
- Thomas Speirs, 123 Locke Street, discussed the history of the Smokey Hollow community and expressed support for the proposed amendment related to historic harms.

Public Hearing:

Agenda Item #1: Second 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 resulting from historic County laws, policies, and practices. She explained that the amendment would require periodic community impact assessments, publicly available findings, and the Board of County Commissioners' public review and consideration of each assessment. The proposed Charter Amendment would also require the adoption of an implementing ordinance

by April 1, 2027, to establish operational procedures, including geographically based assessment criteria, while allowing flexibility to address changing community needs and legal requirements.

Mrs. Hatch clarified that the proposed Charter Amendment language remained subject to revision during the Committee's three public hearings. She noted that County staff proposed minor revisions following legal review to improve clarity and consistency. These revisions included using the term "periodic" consistently throughout the draft and replacing "or" with "and" when referring to County laws, policies, and practices.

She noted that the Committee had previously approved the proposed ballot title and language, clarifying that the Committee will have the opportunity to further refine the proposed Charter Amendment, as well as the ballot title and ballot language, at its third and final public hearing on July 30. Upon approval by the Committee, the proposed amendment would then proceed to the Board for consideration at a public hearing in August 2026.

Jarrett Terry questioned whether the terms "periodic" and "recurring" had different meanings and asked whether "recurring" should also be replaced in the ballot language for consistency.

County Attorney Chasity O'Steen recommended using the term "periodic" consistently throughout both the proposed Charter Amendment and ballot language.

Mrs. Hatch reminded the Committee that they will have the opportunity to further refine the ballot language for such changes at its third and final public hearing on July 30th.

Max Herrle reminded the Committee that July 30th would be the final opportunity to amend the proposed language and that the Board could not make changes during the August 2026 public hearing. He encouraged members to share the full language with their appointing Commissioners before the Committee's final public hearing so any concerns could be addressed.

Mrs. Hatch reminded the Committee that its third and final public hearing was scheduled for July 30th at the same time and location, and that the Board's subsequent public hearing would be held on August 17, 2026.

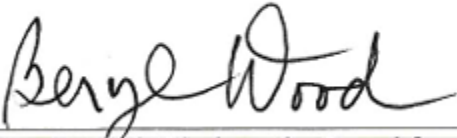
Henry Lewis, III, moved, seconded by Jarrett Terry, for approval of Option # 1, as amended: Conduct the second of three public hearings to consider a proposed Charter Amendment to provide for Community Impact Assessments (Attachment # 1), and advance the proposed Charter Amendment for consideration at the Committee's third and final public hearing on July 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with the term "recurring" replaced with "periodic" in recommended ballot language.

The motion carried 11 – 0 with Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes, Linda Bond Edwards, Liz Ellis, Darryl Jones, Slaton Murray, Heidi Otway, Shamarial Roberson, Temple Robinson, William Smith, and Katrina Tuggerson not present.

Adjournment:

Chair Lindley adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


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


Mary Ann Lindley, Chair
Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee