

# CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

## AGENDA

**Charter Review Commission  
January 28, 2020  
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room  
8:30 a.m.**

- I. Welcome and Announcements
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Charter Review Commission Meeting on January 14, 2020
- III. Update on the following timelines for the County Council legislative process for Charter amendments:
  - Timeline for any resolutions proposing to amend the Charter and for the Board of Elections to place a question on the ballot for voters (Early Voting begins on October 22, 2020 and General Election on November 3, 2020)
  - Timeline for establishing new Councilmanic Districts after the 2020 Census
- IV. Teleconference at 9:00 a.m. with Guy C. Mickley, Director, Howard County Board of Elections
- V. Discussion of submitting a report on certain issues earlier than May 1, 2020
- VI. Format of Meetings on February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020
- VII. Discussion of the following issues:
  - Comparison of prohibitions against discrimination under the Charter Merit System and the County Code (Item 16)
  - Whistleblower Protections (Item 18)
  - Should the number of Councilmanic districts be increased? If yes, how many Councilmanic districts should there be? Should any of the Councilmembers be elected at large? (Item 1)
  - What should be the timeframe for establishing new Councilmanic districts after the 2020 Census to provide sufficient time to conduct the primary election in June 2022? Should there be a requirement for the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission to conduct a public

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hearing? Should there be a prohibition against a political party having a majority of members on the Commission? (Item 8)

- Should Councilmembers be authorized to serve more than three non-consecutive terms? Should Councilmembers be limited to serving two consecutive terms of office? (Item 11)
- Should the County Executive be authorized to serve three terms of office (Item 12)
- Should the provisions for vacancies in the County Council and the County Executive be amended? Should they be parallel (Sections 202(e) and 302(f), (g), and (h)? Should there be provisions for removal based on mental/health disability? (Item 25)

## VIII. Scheduled Meeting Dates, Inclement Weather Make-Up Date, and Public Hearing Date

Meeting Dates: February 11, 2020, February 25, 2020, March 11, 2020, March 24, 2020, April 14, 2020, and April 28, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room, George Howard Building

Inclement Weather Make-Up Date: February 18, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room, George Howard Building

Public Hearing Date: March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building

## IX. Other Issues