

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2013-12

A RESOLUTION concerning

ESTABLISHING A CHARTER BOARD

FOR the purpose of establishing a Board to draft a proposed charter for Charles County to change the current form of government from Code Home Rule to Charter Form of Government including the manner of election of the first Council Members and County Executive.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland wish to establish a Charter Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, hereby establish a Charter Board whose duty will be to draft a proposed Charter document that will change the present Code Home Rule commissioner form of government to Charter form. The proposed charter will go before the voters for ratification at the 2014 General Election. The proposed charter document defines duties, power, rules, procedures, structure of local government, and the rights of our voters/citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall submit its completed draft to the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Elections in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Maryland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners who are Charles County residents broadly representative of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners shall designate three (3) alternate members to fill any vacancies that may occur on the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Board shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall seek expert advice, shall hold two (2) or more public hearings during the drafting process and shall seek input from citizens and County officials regarding the proposed charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall review the charters of other counties to determine the best practices for Charles County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will be staffed by the Office of the County Attorney and County Administrator; and

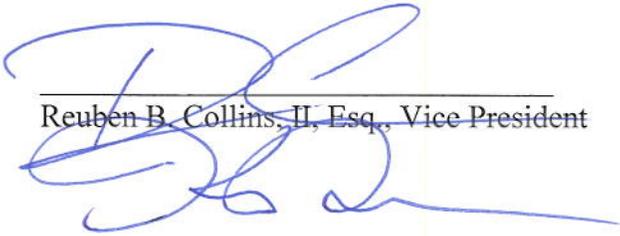
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that terms of appointment shall begin on March 7, 2013 and their duration shall be in accordance with the Constitution of Maryland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2013, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND


Candice Quinn Kelly, President

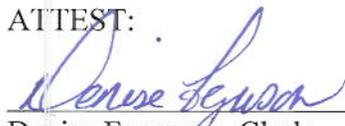

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