

Pinellas County Charter Review Commission

2015-2016

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Pinellas County Charter History

- There are 20 Charter Counties in Florida
- County Charters provide additional home rule authority
- Pinellas County became a Charter County in 1980, with the approval of the voters
- The Pinellas County Charter Review Commission meets every eight years to review the Charter and recommend amendments

Composition of Charter Review Commission

The Charter Review Commission has 13 members:

- One County Commissioner
- One Constitutional Officer
- One Member of the Legislative Delegation
- One City Elected Official
- Nine Citizens

All members are appointed by the County Commission and must be residents of Pinellas County

Charter Review Timeline

- April 2015- Charter Review Overview
- August 1, 2015- Charter Review Commission must be seated and conduct its first meeting by the 3rd week of August
- July 31, 2016- Report due to citizens
- November 2016- Charter amendments (if any) on the ballot

Next Steps

- Update of the Charter Review Website (www.pinellascounty.org/charter)
- Appointment of Charter Review Commission members
- Release of the RFP for both a facilitator and outside legal counsel, final selection will be made by the Charter Review Commission