

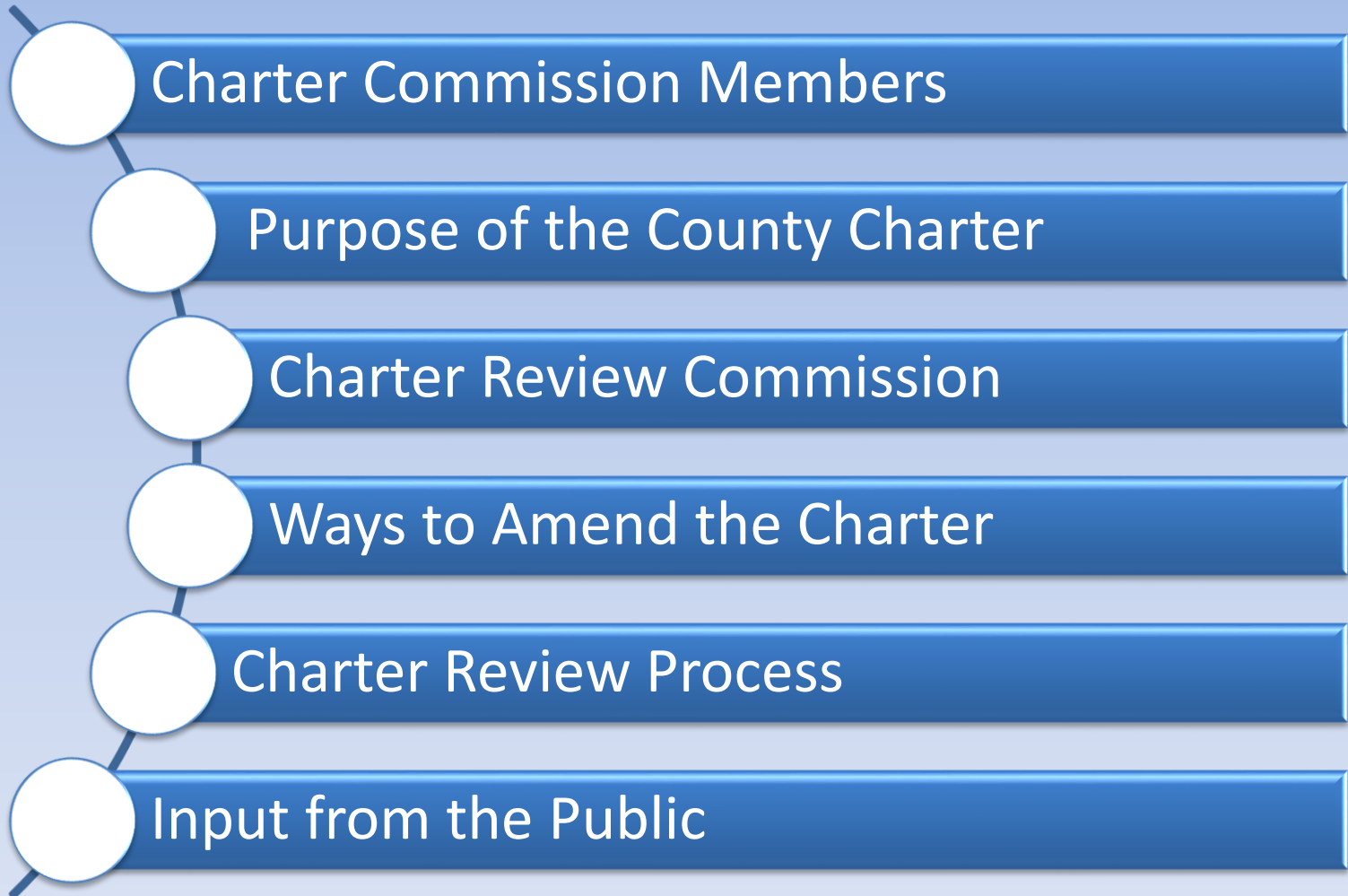


# **Pinellas County Charter Review**

**2015-2016**

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# Agenda



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## Charter Commission Members

- Dr. Jim Olliver, Chairman
- Tom Steck, Vice Chairman
- Larry Ahern
- Johnny Bardine
- Keisha Bell
- Sandra Lee Bradbury
- Ken Burke
- Ashley Caron
- Barclay Harless
- Janet C. Long
- Todd Pressman
- James Sewell
- Joshua Shulman

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## Purpose of the County Charter

- Specifies the structure of government
- Allows powers of self-government unless inconsistent with the Constitution or State law
- May provide for initiative, referendum, and recall at the county level
- May require an Administrative Code detailing all regulations, policies, and procedures
- May provide that a “municipal utility tax” is levied in the unincorporated area



## Charter Review Commission (CRC)

- Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from pool of applicants
- Independent from the BOCC
- Begins convening in August; Completes review by July 31
- Comprised of Pinellas County representatives:
  - 1 Legislative Delegation Member
  - 1 Constitutional Officer
  - 1 Elected City Official
  - 1 Board of County Commissioner
  - 9 from Public at large (may not be an elected official)



## Ways to Amend the Charter

### 3 methods/processes for amending the Charter

- The Board of County Commissioners can pass an ordinance to propose an amendment to the Charter.
- An amendment can be proposed via petition signed by registered voters.
- The Charter Review Commission, which convenes once every 8 years can propose amendments.



## Charter Review Process

### The Charter Review Commission:

- Identifies charter amendment topics
- Becomes educated on the topic(s)
- Determines whether to create a referendum on the topic
- Approves the language for the specific charter amendment(s) and for the ballot language
- Conducts 2 mandatory Public hearings before final report to BOCC

Upon completion of the process, referendum(s) added to ballot for November election.



## Input from the Public

- Charter Review Website:  
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/charter/default.htm>
  - Email your thoughts for an amendment (Contact Us)
  - Use the Public Input form to craft more specifics on an amendment
- Attend a charter review commission meeting and speak during the Public Input period
- Speak to a commissioner in forums like this