

**THE COUNTY OF CHESTER  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 18-19**

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**Chester County Forensic Facility Advisory Group Charter**

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**WHEREAS** Chester County does not currently have a dedicated space for the Chester County Coroner's Office to conduct forensic investigations of decedents or a dedicated space for family members to view their loved ones who may have passed away. As the county population continues to grow, the need for a dedicated space has and will continue to be a significant gap. To assist in providing further review and advice to the Chester County Commissioners and the County Coroner concerning this subject and related issues, the Commissioners deem it prudent to authorize the creation of an appointed Chester County Forensic Facility Advisory Group by the authority of this Resolution.

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Chester County Forensic Facility Advisory Group is to provide strategic advice to the Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Coroner so they can make optimal choices on the design and construction of a dedicated space for forensic investigations.

**WHEREAS** members of the Advisory Group shall be appointed by the Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Coroner and shall be selected so as to represent the citizens, the Coroner's Office, the emergency responders, and the County. The Membership of the Advisory Group shall include:

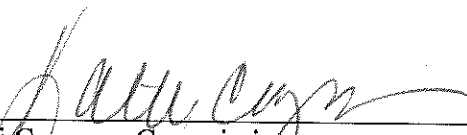
- The Chester County Coroner (Chair),
- The Chief Deputy of the Chester County Coroner (Vice-Chair),
- One Forensic Pathologist,
- One Autopsy Assistant,
- One Investigator,
- One representative of Chester County's hospital community,
- One representative of the Chester County Funeral Directors Association,
- One representative and one alternate appointed by the President of the Chester County Association of Township Officials,
- One representative and one alternate appointed by the President of the Chester County Police Chiefs Association,
- One representative and one alternate appointed by the President of the Chester County Fraternal Order of Police,
- One representative and one alternate appointed by the President of the Chester County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.,
- The Director of the Department of Emergency Services,
- The Director of the Department of Facilities and Parks,
- One representative of the Chester County District Attorney's Office,
- The County Administrator,
- Others as may be approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Coroner, and
- Non-member Subject Matter Experts may be invited to the meetings by the Chair.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Chester County Commissioners, that the Chester County Board of Commissioners and County Coroner will appoint an Advisory Group as comprised above to review and advise the Chester County Commissioners and Coroner concerning choices on the design and construction of a dedicated space for forensic investigations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County of Chester hereby adopts and enacts this Resolution this 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2019.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Michelle Kichline, Chairman

  
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Kathi Cozzone, Commissioner

  
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Terence Farrell, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kara C. Rahn, Chief Clerk

DATE: 5/2/19

Resolution No. 18-19 authorizing the Chester County Commissioners to appoint an Advisory Group to review and advise the Commissioners and Coroner concerning choices on the design and construction of a dedicated space for forensic investigations.