



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### MINUTES OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Kathleen Trafford called the meeting of the Coordinating Committee to order at 12:42 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present with Chair Trafford and committee members Abaray, Fischer, Obhof, and Sykes in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting of the committee were approved.

#### **Reports and Recommendations:**

The committee first reviewed two reports and recommendations from the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee for Article I, Section 13 (Quartering Troops) and Section 17 (No Hereditary Titles). Chair Trafford complimented staff's work, saying these reports and recommendations were well-written and would be useful for those interested in the constitution, both currently and in the future.

On motion by Judge Patrick Fischer, and second by Senator Larry Obhof, the committee voted unanimously to approve the report and recommendation for Article I, Section 13.

On motion by Judge Patrick Fischer, and second by Representative Emilia Sykes, the committee voted unanimously to approve the report and recommendation for Article I, Section 17.

Chair Trafford indicated these reports and recommendations are now ready to be submitted for approval by the full Commission.

**Old Business:**

Turning to old business, Chair Trafford reminded the committee of its previous discussion of how the Commission should approach public proposals for constitutional change. She said the committee had discussed this, and had consulted with both the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee. She said the chairs of the committees had concluded that the simple answer is that the role of the Coordinating Committee is to look at the reports and recommendations as they come up. She said public comments or proposals are not covered by the Rules of Procedure and Conduct, so the chairs determined that the preferred procedure would be for staff to pass those proposals along to the most logical subject matter committee, and it then would be up to that committee to determine the next steps. She said it was the consensus that this procedure would be the simplest way to address the situation.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

**Approval:**

The minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting of the Coordinating Committee were approved at the October 8, 2015 meeting of the committee.

*/s/ Kathleen M. Trafford*

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Kathleen M. Trafford, Chair

*/s/ Jo Ann Davidson*

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Jo Ann Davidson, Vice-chair