



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### REVISED MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND UPDATING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

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

Chair Dennis Mulvihill called the meeting of the Constitutional Revision and Updating Committee to order at 12:43 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present with Chair Mulvihill and committee members Asher, Beckett, Curtin, Obhof, Sawyer, and Wagoner in attendance.

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

The minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

#### **Presentation and Discussion:**

Chair Mulvihill began the meeting by providing an overview of the work the committee had done during the previous year to new members.

Committee members then discussed updating ballot initiative notification requirements to include electronic options and encouraging the use of initiated statutes in lieu of initiated constitutional amendments. The committee also discussed the possibility of providing a legislative check to constitutional amendment ballot initiatives.

Chair Mulvihill recognized John Dinan, professor of political science at Wake Forest University, who was present to respond to questions asked by committee members.

Prof. Dinan discussed with the committee the voting requirements for successful passage of ballot initiatives, the legislative authority for overturning statutory ballot initiatives, and the mandates, requirements, and authority of constitutional conventions and commissions.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**Approval:**

The minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting of the Constitutional Revision and Updating Committee were approved at the March 13, 2014 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Dennis P. Mulvihill  
Dennis P. Mulvihill, Chair

/s/ Charles F. Kurfess  
Charles F. Kurfess, Vice-chair