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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS & UPDATING COMMITTEE
DENNIS MULVIHILL, CHAIR
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

Chairman Mulvihill called the meeting of the Constitutional Revisions and Updating Committee to order at 11:26 am and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairman Mulvihill, Vice-Chairman Kurfess, Ms. Janet Abaray, Mr. Herb Asher, Mr. Roger Beckett, Representative Murray, Senator Obhof, Mr. Chad Readler, and Mr. Richard Walinski.

Chairman Mulvihill asked the committee to review the minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Walinski' motioned to approve the April minutes and Mr. Beckett's seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Chairman Mulvihill called the committee's witness, Mr. Richard Coglienese, Principled Assistant Attorney General, Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Mr. Coglienese presented to the committee a broad overview of the Attorney General's role in referendums and initiatives as well as the more general technicalities outside his office related to the referendum and initiative process. Senator Obhof discussed the legislative changes to the referendum and initiative process resulting from the recently signed Senate Bill 47 for the benefit of the committee.

The committee asked questions regarding referendum and initiative process. Representative Murray and Chairman Mulvihill questioned the subjectivity of the signature verification process and suggested maybe looking into technologies like computer programs. The witness answered the committee's questions regarding technicalities and wording of the referendum and initiative process.

Chairman Mulvihill asked the witness if he would be able to furnish to the committee Ohio Supreme Court case law related to the signature verification process for candidate nominations, referendums and initiative.

Chairman Mulvihill and Mr. Steinglass suggested future witnesses to the committee, specifically the Secretary of State at the next committee meeting.

Chairman Mulvihill informed the committee that he will not be available for the July 11, 2013 meeting that is scheduled.

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Mulvihill adjourned the committee at 12:41 pm.

/s/ Dennis Mulvihill

Dennis Mulvihill, Chair

/s/ Charles Kurfess

Charles Kurfess, Vice-chair