



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, TAXATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

Call to Order:

Chair Douglas Cole called the meeting of the Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development Committee to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Cole and committee members Amstutz, Asher, Davidson, Mills, Peterson, Sawyer, Tavares, and Trafford in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 and the December 12, 2013 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Presentation and Discussion:

Chair Cole began a discussion on making a recommendation to the full Commission to delete the inoperative language in Article VIII. Senator Charleta Tavares suggested a historical copy of the Ohio Constitution be kept on record with all of the original language. Both Senator Larry Obhof and Representative Gary Scherer, who was present in the audience, indicated to committee members that they will be submitting recommendations to the committee regarding this portion of the constitution as well.

A discussion on revising the public-private partnership portion of Article VIII also took place, with Representative Ron Amstutz suggesting that all committee members revisit previous information provided through presentations and come back with proposals for the committee.

Committee member Jo Anne Davidson suggested having the Legislative Service Commission research what other states are doing in regard to these topics, and Sen. Tavares agreed to submit this request. Ms. Davidson also recommended inviting the Municipal League give its input on this topic.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting of the Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development Committee were approved at the April 10, 2014 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Douglas R. Cole
Douglas R. Cole, Chair

/s/ Karla L. Bell
Karla L. Bell, Vice-chair