



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### REVISED MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2013

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

Chair Fred Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present with Chair Mills, Vice-chair Brooks, and committee members Macon, Sykes, Taft, Tavares, and Trafford in attendance.

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

The minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Mills introduced Paul A. Beck, professor emeritus of history and law at the Ohio State University, and David Stebenne, professor of history and law at the Ohio State University, and Edward B. Foley, director of election law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

The professors each presented to the committee regarding the history and future concerns of reapportionment and redistricting in the state of Ohio.

Prof. Beck discussed his concerns as well as the effects of gerrymandering.

Prof. Stebenne presented an article he had written and distributed it to the committee. He emphasized that there is no "gold standard" regarding redistricting. He recommended modifications to the seven-member reapportionment board.

Prof. Foley emphasized that the committee should take a long-term approach to changes made regarding reapportionment and redistricting. He recommended changes that could be made to

the seven-member reapportionment board as well as suggesting that the current “Ohio plan” be looked at, not only for modification but for complete replacement by a new singular body.

The committee then asked the professors about specific details of the different plans.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**Approval:**

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee were approved at the August 8, 2013 meeting of the committee.

*/s/ Frederick E. Mills*  
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Frederick E. Mills, Chair

*/s/ Paula Brooks*  
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Paula Brooks, Vice-chair