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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

LIAISON WITH PUBLIC OFFICES COMMITTEE
HERB ASHER, CHAIR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Chairman Asher called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission Liaison with Public Offices Standing Committee to order at 12:39 a.m. A quorum was not present, the committee proceeded as a subcommittee.

Joining the committee were members of the Public Education and Information Committee, chaired by Roger Beckett, to discuss what each committee had done and what areas of overlap consist between the two committees.


Mr. Beckett brought up the possibility of delaying the commission's hiring of a communications director until the committee learns more about who it should communicate with and how. Other committee members stressed the importance of communicating with the public the role it will play in accomplishing the commission's work.

Chairman Asher asked what role members of the General Assembly will play in regard to the commission's recommendations and if the legislative members of the commission needed more support. Senators Peterson and Skindell mentioned that greater support would be needed from other General Assembly members in the future, when the commission has made recommendations.

Senator Skindell raised the issue of legislation being passed in the previous General Assembly session that would keep the commission's staff and legislators from being persuasive once a recommendation has been put on the ballot because they cannot advocate while being paid by the state. The committees are seeking more legal clarification on this issue.

The committee members expressed their support of deciphering the roles between the committee and meeting at the same, mentioning that it could be helpful in the future.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


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