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Vernon Sykes, Representative
34th House District



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William G. Batchelder, Speaker
69th House District

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
April 11, 2013

Rep. Huffman called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meeting to order at 2:19pm and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present:

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| Janet Gilligan Abaray Rep. Amstutz Herb Asher Speaker Batchelder Roger L. Beckett Karla Bell Paula Brooks Rep. Kathleen Clyde Douglas Cole Sen. Keith Faber | Judith L. French Edward Gilbert Rep. Matt Huffman Charles Kurfess Larry L. Macon Frederick E. Mills Dennis P. Mulvihill Rep. Murray Sen. Larry Obhof Chad A. Readler | Joseph P. Rugola Richard B. Saphire Sen. Michael Skindell Rep. Vernon Sykes Robert A. Taft Sen. Charleta B. Tavares Kathleen M. Trafford Richard S. Walinski Sen. Chris Widener |
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Staff noted that communication regarding anticipated absences had been received from Senator Cafaro, Speaker Davidson and Judge Fischer by the Co-Chairs prior to the meeting.

Rep. Huffman asked the members to review and approve the minutes from the March 14, 2013. Mr. Gilbert noted his name was missing and asked the minutes to be updated to reflect his attendance. Mr. Muvihill motioned to accept the minutes with the change and Justice French seconded the motion. Without objection the minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Rep. Huffman asked the Education and Ethics group to give their report to the Commission. Mr. Walinski and Dr. Macon gave their report. Mr. Gilbert objected to the grants and bequests section of the proposed rules. Mr. Walinski stated that this portion was included because the ORC section for the Commission gives this authority. Rep. Amstutz noted that the language in the ORC and the title in the rules did not match and motioned to amend the rules to use the phrase "grants, gifts, bequests and devises" where applicable. The motion was agreed to without objection. Ms. Abaray motioned to add to page 3 point iv that it is required to put on the notice if a vote will be taken at a meeting. Senator Skindell seconded the motion and the motion was accepted without

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objection. Senator Skindell moved to accept the report as amended and Rep. Huffman seconded the motion. Mr. Gilbert noted his concern with the language but did not object to accepting the report. Without objection the report was accepted as amended and will be sent to the Organization and Administration standing committee for further review and discussion.

Co-Chair Sykes updated the members on the status of the committee assignments and indicated that they would be completed in the next two weeks. The subject matter committees were divided into two groups, the green and gray groups, each member of the Commission will serve on one subject matter committee in each group. This division was done for scheduling purposes.

Co-Chair Sykes called on Dean Steinglass for his report. Dean Steinglass suggested that the morning of May 9th be used for meetings of the Standing Committees and recommended inviting the constitutional officers to make a presentation to the Commission at an upcoming meeting. After further review, he recommended the Commission combine the Legislative and Executive Branch Committees and the Education and Local Government Committees to make six subject matter committees instead of eight. Senator Skindell motioned to accept this change and Governor Taft seconded the motion. Without objection the motion was agreed to.

Co-Chair Sykes asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Seeing none, the Commission was adjourned.

Speaker William Batchelder
Co-Chair

Rep. Vernon Sykes
Co-Chair