

Co-Chair
Charleta B. Tavares
Assistant Minority Leader
15th Senate District



Co-Chair
William G. Batchelder, Speaker
69th House District

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Senate Members

Larry Obhof, Majority Whip

Bill Coley

Bob Peterson

Michael J. Skindell

Tom Sawyer

House Members

Matt Huffman, Speaker Pro Tempore

Ron Amstutz

Kathleen Clyde

Michael Curtin

Vernon Sykes

Public Members

Janet Abaray

Herb Asher

Roger L. Beckett

Karla L. Bell

Paula Brooks

Douglas R. Cole

JoAnn Davidson

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Dennis P. Mulvihill

Chad A. Readler

Richard R. Sapphire

Bob Taft

Kathleen M. Trafford

Mark Wagoner

Speaker Batchelder called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meeting to order at 11:48am and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present:

Rep. Ron Amstutz
Speaker Batchelder
Rep. Clyde
Sen. Coley
Rep. Curtin
Rep. Matt Huffman

Sen. Larry Obhof
Sen. Bob Peterson
Minority Leader Schiavoni
Sen. Michael Skindell
Rep. Vernon Sykes
Sen. Tavares

Speaker Batchelder asked the members to review and approve the minutes from the November 14th. The minutes of the meeting were approved without objection.

Speaker Batchelder asked for a motion with regards to the selection of the two Co-Chairs by the legislative members of the Commission. Representative Huffman nominated Speaker Batchelder and Representative Amstutz seconded the motion. Senator Skindell nominated Senator Tavares and Senator Obhof seconded the motion. The roll was called and Speaker Batchelder and Senator Tavares were elected Co-Chairs by a vote of 12-0.

Speaker Batchelder noted that Senator Obhof had informed the Co-Chairs about a conflict he had with voting for Mr. Roger Beckett to be a member of the Commission. Pursuant to Senate Rule 47 he asked to be excused from voting on Mr. Beckett. Representative Sykes motioned to appoint these 19 members to fill the public member positions on the Commission:

Janet Gilligan Abaray
Herb Asher
Karla L. Bell
Paula Brooks
Douglas R. Cole
Jo Ann Davidson
Patrick F. Fischer
Edward L. Gilbert
Jeff Jacobson
Charles F. Kurfess

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Larry L. Macon
Frederick E. Mills
Dennis P. Mulvihill
Chad A. Readler
Pierrette Talley
Richard B. Saphire
Robert A. Taft
Kathleen M. Trafford
Mark Wagoner

Senator Skindell seconded the motion and the Speaker asked the staff to call the roll. The roll was called and 19 of the Commission public members were appointed to terms ending on January 1, 2016 by a vote of 12-0.

Representative Amstutz made a motion to appoint Roger Beckett as a public member of the Commission and Senator Tavares seconded the motion. The roll was called and Roger Beckett was appointed to the Commission as a public member for a term ending on January 1, 2016 by a vote of 11-0 with Senator Obhof abstaining pursuant to Senate Rule 47.

Senator Skindell and Senator Tavares both thanked Representative Sykes for serving as a Co-Chair for the first term of the Commission and noted that the a change in the Ohio Revised Code now required that the Co-Chairs come from each party and each chamber.

Speaker Batchelder asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Seeing none, the Commission adjourned at 11:56am.



SPEAKER WILLIAM G. BATCHELDER



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLETA TAVARES