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June 12, 2014

Speaker Batchelder called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meeting to order at 3:09pm and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present:

Janet Gilligan Abaray
Rep. Ron Amstutz
Speaker Batchelder
Paula Brooks
Rep. Clyde
Rep. Curtin
Speaker Jo Ann Davidson
Judge Patrick Fischer
Edward Gilbert
Jeff Jacobson
Speaker Charles Kurfess

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Chad Readler
Richard Saphire
Sen. Tom Sawyer
Rep. Sykes
Petee Talley
Governor Bob Taft
Sen. Tavares
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Staff noted that communication regarding anticipated absences had been received from Rep. Huffman, Senator Coley, Senator Skindell, Karla Bell, Dr. Asher, Douglas Cole, and Roger Beckett prior to the meeting.

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

Speaker Batchelder noted the reports from the committees were in the members folders. Without objection, the written reports of the committees were accepted.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Mark Wagoner for a report of the Organization and Administration Committee. Mr. Wagoner brought forth a recommendation that the Commission hire Genevieve Long as the Administrative Assistant to the Commission and that the Co-Chairs negotiate the terms of compensation for Ms.

Long within the confines of the Commission's appropriation. Mr. Wagoner moved that the Commission hire Genevieve Long for the position of Administrative Assistant and Petee Talley seconded the motion. Speaker Batchelder asked the staff to call the roll and with a vote of 25-0, Genevieve Long was selected as the Administrative Assistant for the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Mark Wagoner for an additional recommendation. Mr. Wagoner presented a recommendation to the Commission to adopt guidelines for subject matter committee recommendations to the Commission. Mr. Wagoner moved to accept the amended hiring process and Senator Sawyer seconded the motion. Speaker Batchelder asked the staff to call the roll and with a vote of 25-0 the guidelines for subject matter committee recommendations to the Commission were adopted.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Kathleen Trafford, Chair of the Coordinating Committee and Ms. Trafford for a committee report.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Fred Mills, Chair of the Legislative Branch & Executive Branch Committee. Mr. Mills reported to the Commission on the committee's discussions regarding redistricting and term limits.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Chad Readler, Chair of the Education, Public Institutions, Miscellaneous & Local Government Committee and indicated that the committee had been discussing education and that the committees was at the preliminary stages of possible recommendations.

Senator Tavares recognized Richard Saphire, Chair of the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee. Mr. Saphire stated that the committee was working through the Road Map that they had adopted last year.

Senator Tavares recognized Janet Abaray, Chair of the Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice Committee and stated that the committee was focusing on judicial elections.

Senator Tavares recognized Dennis Mulvihill, Chair of the Constitutional Revisions and Updating Committee and indicated that the committee may have recommendations in the next few months. The committee is currently focused on ways to potentially make an initiated law more accessible and desirable verses a constitutional amendment.

Senator Tavares recognized Steven Hollon, the Executive Director of the Commission for an update.

Senator Tavares recognized Dean Steinglass for an update on his work for the Commission.

Senator Tavares noted that the Public Education and Information and Liaisons with Public Offices canceled their meetings today.

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Senator Tavares asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Seeing none, the Commission adjourned at 3:34pm



SPEAKER WILLIAM G. BATCHELDER, CO-CHAIR



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