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Senator Tavares called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meeting to order at 9:15am and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present:

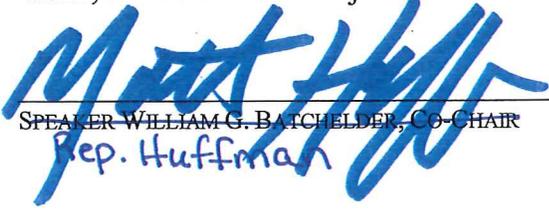
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Senator Tavares asked the members to review and approve the minutes from the January 22th meeting. The minutes of the meeting were approved without objection.

Rep. Huffman welcomed Dr. John Dinan Professor of Political Science from Wake Forest University to the Commission. Dr. Dinan presented to the commission discussing the numerous topics including the nature and role of state constitutions, comparison of the function of state and federal constitutions, the historic debate over the including of policy amendments in state constitutions, the issues that other states are addressing as they amend and revise their constitutions, the range of approaches of other states to such common issues as the constitutional amendment/revision process, redistricting, the legislature, the judiciary, and rights-related provisions

Dr. Dinan answered questions from Commission members during the course of his presentation.

Senator Tavares asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Seeing none, the Commission adjourned at 11:30am.


SPEAKER WILLIAM G. BATCHELDER, CO-CHAIR
Rep. Huffman


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