



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### REVISED MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Mark Wagoner called the meeting of the Organization and Administration Committee to order at 9:45 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present with Chair Wagoner and committee members Batchelder, Brooks, Clyde, Cole, Kurfess, and Tavares in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Wagoner discussed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Executive Director Hiring. The subcommittee recommended hiring Steven C. Hollon as executive director for the Commission. Representative Bill Batchelder moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation. Committee member Paula Brooks seconded the motion. The Organization and Administration Committee voted unanimously to accept the subcommittee's recommendation and to refer the recommendation to the full Commission.

Chair Wagoner turned to the Amended Hiring Process to Fill Positions on the Commission's Staff. Representative Kathleen Clyde discussed some changes to be made in Section 3 to try to achieve balance in the process and not to involve the subcommittee in this process. Committee member Charles Kurfess expressed an issue with not involving public members in the process. Committee member Doug Cole mentioned that involving the subcommittee in this process will prove difficult and recommend another process for hiring staff. Chair Wagoner proposed adding the following language in the following sections:

- Section 3a: “The Co-Chairs and the Executive Director will post for the positions...”;
- Section 3b: after Executive Director, add “the Co-Chairs or designees, Senior Policy Advisor and two public members selected by the Co-Chairs...”;
- Section 3c: after Co-Chairs of the Commission, add “or designees” after Senior Policy Advisor, add “two public members selected by Co-Chairs.”

Mr. Cole moved to accept the amendment to the Amended Hiring Process to Fill Positions on the Commission’s Staff. Ms. Brooks seconded the motion. The Organization and Administration Committee unanimously voted to accept the amended Amended Hiring Process, and to refer the recommendation to the full Commission.

Chair Wagoner asked Senator Charleta Tavares to discuss the Rules of Procedure and Conduct. Sen. Tavares asked Chair Wagoner to allow Bethany Sanders, legal counsel to the Senate Democratic Caucus, to discuss the changes. Ms. Sanders said the major changes were to address the way recommendations are moved out of committees. Ms. Sanders stated that these are working rules and should be debated and amended if necessary. She asked if she could share the rules with the Coordinating Committee. Due to concerns expressed by committee members, Chair Wagoner indicated the rules will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**Approval:**

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting of the Organization and Administration Committee were approved at the May 8, 2014 meeting of the committee.

*/s/ Mark Wagoner*

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Mark Wagoner, Chair

*/s/ Pierrette Talley*

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Pierrette Talley, Vice-chair