



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Roger Beckett called the meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee to order at 12:38 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Beckett, Vice-chair Macon, and committee members Murray, Peterson, Readler, and Sapphire in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Discussion:

Joining the committee were members of the Liaison with Public Offices Committee, chaired by Herb Asher, to discuss what each committee had done and what areas of overlap consist between the two committees.

Chair Beckett brought up the possibility of delaying the Commission's hiring of a communications director until the committee learns more about who it should communicate with and how. Other committee members stressed the importance of communicating with the public regarding the role it will play in accomplishing the Commission's work.

Mr. Asher asked what role members of the General Assembly will play in regard to the Commission's recommendations, and whether the legislative members of the Commission needed more support. Senator Bob Peterson and Senator Mike Skindell mentioned that greater

support would be needed from other General Assembly members in the future, when the Commission has made recommendations.

Sen. Skindell raised the issue of legislation being passed in the previous General Assembly session that would keep the Commission's staff and legislators from being persuasive once a recommendation has been put on the ballot because they cannot advocate while being paid by the state. The committees are seeking more legal clarification on this issue.

Committee members expressed their support for determining the respective roles of the committees, and for meeting at the same time, mentioning that it could be helpful in the future.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee were approved.

/s/ Roger L. Beckett

Roger L. Beckett, Chair

Larry L. Macon, Vice-chair