



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND UPDATING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Dennis Mulvihill called the meeting of the Constitutional Revision and Updating Committee to order at 11:26 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Mulvihill, Vice-chair Kurfess, and committee members Abaray, Asher, Beckett, Murray, Obhof, Readler, and Walinski in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Presentation and Discussion:

Chair Mulvihill recognized Richard Coglienese, principal assistant attorney general, Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Mr. Coglienese presented a broad overview of the attorney general's role in the referendum and initiative process, as well as describing more general technicalities outside his office related to that process.

Next, Senator Larry Obhof discussed the legislative changes to the referendum and initiative process resulting from the recently-signed Senate Bill 47 in the 130th General Assembly for the benefit of the committee.

Committee members then asked questions regarding the referendum and initiative process. Representative Dennis Murray and Chair Mulvihill questioned the subjectivity of the signature verification process and suggested looking into technologies like computer programs that could be used to verify. Mr. Coglienese answered the committee's questions regarding technicalities and wording in the referendum and initiative process.

Chair Mulvihill asked the witness if he would be able to furnish Ohio Supreme Court case law related to the signature verification process for candidate nominations, referendums, and initiatives.

Chair Mulvihill and Senior Policy Advisor Steven H. Steinglass suggested future witnesses who might present to the committee, specifically the secretary of state.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting of the Constitutional Revision and Updating Committee were approved at the July 10, 2013 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Dennis P. Mulvihill
Dennis P. Mulvihill, Chair

/s/ Charles F. Kurfess
Charles F. Kurfess, Vice-chair