



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Chad Readler called the meeting of the Education, Public Institutions, and Local Government Committee to order at 11:55 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Readler, Vice-chair Gilbert, and committee members Beckett, Brooks, Clyde, Faber, Huffman, Macon, Sykes, and Taft in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

This being the first meeting of the committee, there were no minutes to approve.

Discussion:

Chair Readler opened the meeting by calling on all committee members to introduce themselves.

Chair Readler then reviewed items on the committee agenda including Article VI (Education), Article VII (Public Institutions), Article XV (Miscellaneous), School Funding, Article X (County and Township Organizations), and Home Rule as well as Adjoining Regionalization and Economic Development.

Chair Readler inquired as to the pleasure of the committee regarding the committee's organizational structure as well as the order in which issues would be discussed.

It was suggested that the committee might consider the formation of subcommittees, due to the broad scope of the issues tasked to it. Vice-chair Gilbert suggested that education and school funding be paired and discussed together. He then asked to be updated on the current levels of school funding around the state. The discussion included a proposal for three subcommittees,

education, local government, and miscellaneous. It was suggested that the committee should wait to divide into subcommittees until the committee's work load deemed it necessary.

Vice-chair Gilbert then brought up the selection and order in which issues might be discussed. He suggested calling on experts to give presentations before the committee, as well as reaching out to different communities.

Governor Bob Taft commented that he would like to see a summary of previously proposed amendments.

Committee member Paula Brooks suggested reaching out to the attorney general's office to give the committee "the lay of the land" regarding the constitutionality of education.

Committee member Larry Macon suggested reaching out to Senior Policy Advisor Steven H. Steinglass for recommendations for the committee's direction and issue selections.

The committee then discussed issues regarding the staffing of the committee and the role the staff could potentially play.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting of the Education, Public Institutions, and Local Government Committee were approved at the June 13, 2013 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Chad A. Readler
Chad A. Readler, Chair

Edward L. Gilbert
Edward L. Gilbert, Vice-chair