



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND VOTING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Richard Saphire called the meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee to order at 12:09 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present, with Chair Saphire, Vice-chair French, and committee members Amstutz, Clyde, Fischer, Gilbert, and Skindell in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Discussion:

Chair Saphire recognized Senior Policy Advisor Steven H. Steinglass to speak to the committee. Mr. Steinglass outlined the documents he submitted to the committee for their review. Mr. Steinglass proceeded to discuss judicial interpretation of the Ohio Constitution, Article I, Sections 1 through 21, and Article II, Section 8. Throughout the presentation, members of the committee discussed the substance of each section mentioned.

Chair Saphire raised the topic of how the committee should proceed with regard to allowing public participation. Chair Saphire suggested three potential methods: 1) proceeding without public comment for the time being; 2) only proceeding once public comment is completed; or 3) a dual track that would allow for public comment while the committee continues to work on subjects that may not have public comment readily available. In discussing the question, committee members agreed the third option was best. Vice-chair Judith French suggested the committee could work first on issues on which the public is less likely to offer comment.

Committee member Ed Gilbert suggested that Chair Saphire and Vice-chair French draft a list of potential topics the committee could work on before receiving public comment.

Chair Saphire raised the question of whether the committee should meet in August or September. Vice-chair French suggested she and Chair Saphire could propose to the Commission by August a process for moving forward with regard to public comment. The committee agreed not to meet until September, after a process is set up.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee were approved at the September 12, 2013 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Richard Saphire
Richard Saphire, Chair

/s/ Jeff Jacobson
Jeff Jacobson, Vice-chair