



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND VOTING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

Call to Order:

Chair Richard Saphire called the meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee to order at 3:05 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was not present, with Chair Saphire, and committee members Bell, Peterson, and Skindell in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

There being no quorum, the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting of the committee were not approved.

Discussion:

The committee discussed procedure and protocol in addressing, disposing of, and making recommendations on various constitutional provisions. Issues related to public notice and posting on the Commission web site were also discussed.

Although no formal votes were taken or recommendations adopted, there was consensus that the degrees of formality regarding public input would depend on the amount of complexity and potential controversy of the provisions being discussed. Committee members agreed that Tier I topics, which are least controversial, would be less formal in relation to public input at meetings, while Tier III, involving more controversial topics, being more formal. Committee members also expressed that public notice should be posted on the Commission's website, denoting the constitutional provisions that will be addressed at an upcoming meeting with the respective title

and description. Committee members also agreed notice should be given on the website for an upcoming meeting if there may be a potential vote for a recommendation on a provision.

Various methods of disposition of constitutional provisions that are obsolete, archaic, or preempted by federal action, such as by United States Supreme Court rulings, also were discussed. Chair Sapphire expressed the need for uniformity and consensus between the various subject matter committees in making recommendations to the full Commission. Senator Mike Skindell suggested patterning the public notices after the committee notices given for Senate committee hearings, such as using titles and descriptions of the subject matter, and indicating that potential action may be taken.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee were approved at the April 10, 2014 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Richard Sapphire
Richard Sapphire, Chair

/s/ Jeff Jacobson
Jeff Jacobson, Vice-chair