

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Roger Beckett called the meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee to order at 12:36 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Discussion:

The committee reviewed a script for a public service announcement from the Commission cochairs and approved it to present to the full Commission later in the day. The committee also reviewed and approved a rule change to section 5(e) of the Commission rules in order to clarify the role of Commission members when speaking outside of the Commission.

Chair Beckett briefly explained why committee meetings of the Commission were not currently being recorded by Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT), mentioning that some OGT rules had previously been overlooked. He also said that some revisions would be made to the Commission website in the next few weeks.

The committee reviewed and approved a Frequently Asked Questions section to add to the Commission website, granting the chair permission to continue working with legislative staff and Legislative Information Systems to modify the website before Commission staff is hired.

Representative Dennis Murray presented a plan that could be reviewed by the full Commission regarding how to obtain thorough and comprehensive testimony for Commission recommendations. Committee members discussed having balance between having consistency among the various committee meetings and allowing the committee chairs to have flexibility. The committee then approved the document.

Committee members reviewed the open letter from the Commission co-chairs and said it was ready for distribution to the full Commission that afternoon. They also briefly discussed who they would like to hear from at meetings in the near future, with the possibility of hearing from public relations experts and those who have worked on issue campaigns.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee were approved at the September 12, 2013 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Roger L. Beckett
Roger L. Beckett, Chair
Larry L. Macon, Vice-chair