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**OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION PARTICIPATES
IN THIRD ANNUAL JOHN GLENN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission members Chad A. Readler, Frederick A. Mills, and Jo Ann Davidson acted as panelists at the John Glenn School's 2014 Leadership Forum in a session entitled "Re-Shaping the Foundation of a State's Political & Public Policy Future." The session, held in Performance Hall of the Ohio Union on the campus of Ohio State University, was moderated by OCMC Executive Director Steven C. Hollon.

Readler, chair of the Education, Public Institutions, and Local Government Committee spoke to the work of the committee regarding school funding as set out in Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution, particularly the "thorough and efficient" clause within that provision.

Mills, chair of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee, informed the audience on the work his committee has engaged in on the issues of redistricting, apportionment, and term limits, and previewed the future activities of the committee regarding the authority granted to the legislative and executive branches of Ohio government.

Davidson addressed the work of the Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development Committee, of which she is a member. She noted that although all the committees strive to work within the narrow bounds of the articles and sections of the constitution they are reviewing, there are many provisions that work in concert with other provisions.

Readler concluded the panel remarks with a review of the work of the Constitutional Revisions and Updating Committee.

Hollon began the session by providing a review of the history of Ohio's two constitutions, the state's four constitutional conventions, the work of the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission of the 1970s, and the structure of the current commission. He also provided short updates on the work of the Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice Committee and the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee.

The Glenn School Leadership Forum is a one-day professional development conference for individuals working in the public administration field, with programming designed to be practical and insightful for public leaders. The forum provides meaningful coverage of current and emerging trends in public policy, administration, and leadership. Other sessions at the forum included Education Reform: Moving at the Speed of Light, the Public Servant's Role and Impact in International Affairs, and Implementing Policy in the Real World. There were 195 registrations for the forum.

The OCMC was created in 2011 by the 129th Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 188. It is modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission of the 1970s. For more information regarding the work of the OCMC, please visit www.ocmc.ohio.gov.