

Ohio General Assembly Appoints Three New Members to Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

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Representatives Robert Cupp, Nathan Manning, and Emilia Sykes have joined the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission as three new legislative members. They were introduced at the Commission's meeting Thursday, February 12, 2015. The new members will replace former Speaker William G. Batchelder and former Representatives Matt Huffman and Vernon Sykes who left the General Assembly at the end of 2014.

Cupp has served as an elected official in all three branches of government, at both the local and state levels. He has served as an Allen County commissioner, a four-term state senator, a court-of-appeals judge, and a justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. He also served as a city prosecutor and most recently, Chief Legal Counsel to Ohio Auditor of State, Dave Yost. Cupp currently represents the 4th Ohio House District, which includes all of Allen County.

Manning was an assistant prosecutor for the city of North Ridgeville before running for office. He is also involved with the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce, the Lorain County Bar Association, the Lorain County Historical Society, and is Vice President of the North Ridgeville Republican Club. He is currently serving his first term as state representative in the 55th Ohio House District, which includes a portion of Lorain County.

Sykes serves as Ranking Member of the House Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. She also serves on the House Finance and Appropriations Committee; House Judiciary Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. She currently represents the 34th Ohio House District in Akron.

About the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

The OCMC was created in 2011 by the Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 188 of the 129th General Assembly. It is modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission which completed its work in the 1970's.