



Organization and Administration Committee Updates Rules and Procedures

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The Organization and Administration Committee of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission voted unanimously to amend the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Conduct to create a more efficient timeline in adopting proposed reports and recommendations.

The most substantive changes were made to Rules 8.3, 10.2, and 10.3 that deal with the proposed timeline for reports and recommendations. The changes were proposed as a way of advancing reports and recommendations when no change recommendation is made by committees.

Prior to the amendments, Rule 8.3 read, "before voting to approve a report and recommendation regarding existing sections to the Ohio Constitution, a subject matter committee shall place the proposed report and recommendation on its written agenda. If the report and recommendation finds that an existing section should be amended it shall be on the agenda for not less than two consecutive meetings for the purpose of allowing discussion by committee members and to receive comment from the public. If the report and recommendation finds that an existing section should not be changed it shall also be made available on the Commission's website as part of the notice of the meeting for the subject matter committee." The committee suggested that rule 8.3 be amended to read, "if a report and recommendation finds that an existing section should not be changed it shall be on the agenda for at least one meeting."

The Organization and Administration Committee recommended to the full Commission that the Rules of Procedure and Conduct be amended to reflect the proposed changes.

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission's Rules of Conduct and Procedure can be found [here](#).

Meeting packets for the Organization and Administration Committee can be found [here](#). For more information regarding the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, visit our website at www.ocmc.ohio.gov.

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.

