



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE LIAISONS WITH PUBLIC OFFICES COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Herb Asher called the meeting of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee to order at 12:39 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was not present with Chair Asher, Vice-chair Taft, and committee members Mills and Skindell in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

There being no quorum, the minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting were not approved.

Discussion:

Joining the committee were members of the Public Education and Information Committee, chaired by Roger Beckett, to discuss what each committee had done and what areas of overlap exist between the two committees.

Mr. Beckett brought up the possibility of delaying the Commission's hiring of a communications director until the committee learns more about who it should communicate with and how. Other committee members stressed the importance of communicating with the public the role the committee will play in accomplishing the Commission's work.

Chair Asher asked what role members of the General Assembly will play in regard to the Commission's recommendations, and if the legislative members of the Commission needed more support. Senator Bob Peterson and Senator Mike Skindell mentioned that greater support would

be needed from other General Assembly members in the future, when the Commission has made recommendations.

Sen. Skindell raised the issue of legislation being passed in the previous General Assembly session that would keep the Commission's staff and legislators from being persuasive once a recommendation has been put on the ballot because they will not be able to advocate while being paid by the state. The committees are seeking more legal clarification on this issue.

Committee members expressed their support for determining the respective roles of the committees, and support for meeting jointly, mentioning that doing so could be helpful in the future.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee were approved.

/s/ Herb Asher
Herb Asher, Chair

/s/ Robert A. Taft
Robert A. Taft, Vice-chair