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Vernon Sykes, Representative
34th House District



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William G. Batchelder, Speaker
69th House District

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 14, 2013

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Speaker Batchelder called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meeting to order at 3:14pm and asked staff to call the roll. The following members were present:

Janet Gilligan Abaray
Rep. Ron Amstutz
Herb Asher
Speaker Batchelder
Roger L. Beckett
Rep. Kathleen Clyde
Douglas Cole
Jo Ann Davidson
Judge Fischer
Justice French
Edward Gilbert
Rep. Matt Huffman
Dr. Larry Macon

Fred Mills
Dennis P. Mulvihill
Rep. Dennis Murray
Sen. Larry Obhof
Sen. Bob Peterson
Chad A. Readler
Richard B. Sapphire
Sen. Michael Skindell
Rep. Vernon Sykes
Bob Taft
Sen. Tavares

Staff noted that communication regarding anticipated absences had been received from Karla Bell and Kathleen Trafford prior to the meeting.

Speaker Batchelder asked the members to review and approve the minutes from the September 12th meeting. Mr. Cole noted a typo and with that correction the minutes from the September meeting were approved without objection

Speaker Batchelder recognized Co-Chair Sykes for the purpose of a nomination. Representative Sykes nominated Pierette Talley for the open public member seat on the Commission. Senator Tavares seconded the nomination. Speaker Batchelder asked the staff to call the roll for legislative members only. With a vote of 11-0, Ms. Talley was appointed to the Commission.

Speaker Batchelder welcomed Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted, to present before the Commission. Secretary Husted shared his thoughts on redistricting and reapportionment and urged the Commission to act quickly on this matter.

Speaker Batchelder indicated that the full Commission may meet on December 12th in the afternoon and asked the members to plan accordingly.

Speaker Batchelder noted the reports from the committees were in the members folders. Without objection, the written reports of the committees were accepted.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Roger Beckett, Chair of the Public Education and Information Committee and Dr. Asher, Chair of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee for a report. The Committees recommended that the Commission merge the two standing committees into one committee. Mr. Beckett asked the Commission to think on this recommendation and indicated that the Commission could take up the recommendation at a later time.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Fred Mills for a report from the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Dennis Mulvihill for a report from the Constitutional Revisions & Updating Committee.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Chad Readler for a report from the Education, Public Institutions, Miscellaneous & Local Government Committee.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Richard Saphire for a report from the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Speaker Davidson for a report of the Coordinating Committee.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Mr. Cole, Chair of the Finance, Taxation & Economic Development Committee for a report.

Speaker Batchelder recognized Dean Steinglass for an update on his work for the Commission. Dean Steinglass indicated that he had been working with the law schools to get interns for the Commission .

Speaker Batchelder asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Seeing none, the Commission adjourned at 4:27pm.

Speaker William G. Batchelder
Co-Chair

Rep. Vernon Sykes
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