

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE

JOINT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND LIAISONS WITH PUBLIC OFFICES COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Roger Beckett of the Public Education and Information Committee, called the joint meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Beckett, Vice-chair Macon, and committee members French, Murray, Peterson, Saphire, and Tavares of the Public Education and Information Committee, and Chair Asher, Vice-chair Taft and committee member Skindell of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were not approved at this joint meeting of the two committees.

Discussion:

Chair Beckett explained the meeting was for organizational purposes to determine how the committee will proceed in the future. He announced that, at the next meeting, the committees will hear two separate presentations from individuals representing both major political parties to explain their experience and how their work could guide the committee with regard to outreach.

Chair Beckett solicited comments, questions, and suggestions from the committee.

Committee member Richard Saphire suggested that members of the Commission should be able to submit reports of what they are doing in order to publicly explain the role of the Commission and the latest news. He suggested a place on the Commission's website would probably be best.

Vice-chair Larry Macon suggested the committee prioritize specific roles both for the Public Education and Information Committee and for the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee. Senator Charleta Tavares continued on from Dr. Macon's comment, stating that a clear explanation of both committees could determine whether or not the committees should be merged into one.

Mr. Asher said an individual to handle communications would be beneficial to the Commission as a whole.

Governor Bob Taft said it is important to inform legislators of what the Commission is doing, and then the legislators can inform their constituents. Senator Michael Skindell mentioned how he is already doing that with his usual outreach efforts throughout his district.

Gov. Taft stated that he supports the idea of merging the two committees, and would like to bring it up at the meeting of the full Commission. Sen. Tavares echoed Gov. Taft's suggestion.

Sen. Tavares moved to bring the idea of merging the committees to the full Commission, Gov. Taft seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 joint meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee were approved at the December 12, 2013 joint meeting of the committees.

Public Education and Information Committee	Liaisons with Public Offices Committee
/s/ Roger L. Beckett	/s/ Herb Asher
Roger L. Beckett, Chair	Herb Asher, Chair
	/s/ Robert A. Taft
Larry L. Macon, Vice-chair	Robert A. Taft, Vice-chair