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**Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration
January 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.**

Minutes

Attendance

Dan Foley	Tim Downing	Tom Weidman
Jennifer Economus	Larry Wolpert	Charletta Tavares
Anita Lopez	Chester Jourdan	
Lynda Murray	Michael Cochran	
Daniel Troy	Robert Roland	

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Martin Jenkins

The commission elected Lake County Commissioner Daniel Troy and Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez to serve as co-chairs. Tom Weidman, of Market Master International, had also been nominated. The commission agreed to have the meeting chaired on a rotating basis between the co-chairs.

The members in attendance received testimony from various members of the community. Larry Flowers, former State Representative, shared historical information on the creation of the commission. Dave Wirick, Ohio State University's John Glenn School of Public Affairs testified to the potential role of his organization in assisting the commission research and study opportunities for reform. Lavea Brachman also discussed how Greater Ohio could provide assistance.

Discussion was held regarding several organizations that could be potential partners to assist in completing the final report. The report and recommendations must be completed by due July 1, 2010. The commission also discussed funding challenges and resources regarding a study.

The commission agreed to formulate the objectives that are within the language of the enabling legislation during the next meeting so the panel could agree to a concise mission statement.

There was consensus to create a website to post public meeting notices, minutes and keep of the public informed of the progress of the commission. The commission would also send a letter to the Governor and the Legislature requesting staffing and funding.

The commission agreed to meet at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each month and scheduled the next meeting will be January 30, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.