

Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration
May 29, 2009
Minutes

Attendance:

Dan Troy, Co-Chair, Anita Lopez, Co-Chair, Tim Downing, Jennifer Economus, Dan Foley, Chester Jourdan, Lynda Murray, Rob Roland, Tom Weidman, Larry Wolpert.

By Phone: Martin Jenkins, Charleta Tavares

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by co-chair Anita Lopez.

Co-Chair Anita Lopez introduced John Williams from the office of the Attorney General. Mr. Williams is legal counsel to the Commission, and reviewed and recommended changes to the contract with John Glenn Institute. Ms. Lopez said that Mr. Williams would be attending the Commission meetings.

Co-Chair Anita Lopez asked for approval of the April 24 minutes. Ms. Tavares indicated that she attended the meeting, although was not listed as attending, and asked for the minutes to be amended to recognize her attendance. Mr. Roland corrected page 4 of the minutes to read "Miami University" not "University of Miami." Mr. Weidman asked to be added to the subcommittee to identify current / alternative service delivery models.

*Mr. Weidman moved and Mr. Roland seconded the approval of the minutes **as amended** of April 24, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.*

Tax Commissioner Rich Levin presented a power point A Brief Review of State and Local Taxes in Ohio.

Mr. Downing reported that the contract with the John Glenn Institute has been approved by the Attorney General's office. The contract is for \$140,000. Monthly invoices will be sent to Finance Chairman Downing and Co-Chairs Lopez and Troy for review before payment recommendation is sent to the Commission. With approval, the invoices will be sent to Legislative Services Commission, who will act as fiscal agent for the Commission.

Ms. Murray moved and Mr. Weidman seconded authority to the Commission Co-Chairs to sign the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fought, Ohio Townships Association, provided an update on the development of the web site and web portal on behalf of Michael Cochran. The web site is ready to go live. The Commission reviewed the submission document proposal and approved with a few minor changes.

Ms. Murray presented a proposal for the logistics and administration of the Commission Meetings, Sub Committee Meetings and Public Hearings. The Commission asked that we have further discussion on the location of the Public Hearings. The Commission agreed that July should be held in Columbus, August in Findley, and September in Cincinnati. Ms. Murray will work with Mr. Jourdan and Mr. Wirick on the arrangements for those Public Hearings. Ms. Murray will work with Ms. Fought on developing a registration form and witness slip for the Public Hearings.

The John Glenn Institute provided a brief overview of the Call for Proposals. They asked for two readers from the Commission to assist in selecting proposals. Dan Troy volunteered to serve as a reader. Chester Jourdan said that Michael Cochran had expressed an interest in serving as a reader.

Mr. Weidman moved and Mr. Downing seconded the approval of Mr. Troy and Mr. Cochran as readers for the John Glenn Institute proposal review process.

There were no sub committee reports.

The Commission had a very brief discussion about speaking engagements. It was suggested that any one who has completed a speaking engagement on behalf of the Commission should email Lynda Murray so that she can include a list of completed speaking engagements in the minutes. This will allow us to keep our records relatively complete.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on June 26, 2009 at 10:30 AM

Mr. Roland moved and Ms. Economus seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.