



OHIO CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE

HONORABLE FRED PEPPE, CHAIRMAN
MR. TIMOTHY YOUNG, VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 7, 2015

Senator Obhof called the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee (OCJRC) to order at approximately 2:05 PM.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Each committee member was asked to give a brief summary of their background as well as their interest in the committee.

Senator Obhof sought nominations for the election of the committee chair.

Representative Pelanda moved to nominate **Judge Pepple** as chair. **Senator Eklund** seconded.

Senator Obhof moved to close the nominations for chair. **Senator Eklund** seconded.

Judge Pepple was confirmed as chairman by a vote of 22-0. **Judge Pepple** abstained.

Senator Obhof turned the gavel over to **Chairman Pepple**.

Chairman Pepple sought nominations for the election of the committee vice-chair.

Senator Eklund moved to nominate **Mr. Tim Young** as vice-chair. **Mr. Singleton** seconded.

Representative Pelanda moved to close the nominations for vice-chair. **Representative Manning** seconded.

Mr. Young was confirmed as vice-chair by a vote of 22-0. **Mr. Young** abstained.

Chairman Pepple addressed the committee regarding the adoption of governing rules. He explained that the enabling language required the committee to adopt such standards at the first meeting. The proposed rules are those used by the Ohio Senate.

Representative Pelanda requested a discussion in regard to Rule 22. The representative had concerns that the rules did not prohibit the committee from meeting during a daily session of the Ohio House of Representatives, but did prohibit the committee from meeting during a daily session of the Ohio Senate.

Senator Eklund moved to amend Rule 22 to state that the committee could not meet during a daily session of the Ohio House of Representatives. **Mr. Huey** seconded. With no objection, Rule 22 was amended.

Representative Pelanda requested a discussion in regard to Rule 26. The representative had concerns regarding the rule's relevance to the committee.

Senator Obhof moved to amend the rules and delete Rule 26. **Senator Eklund** seconded. With no objection the rules were amended.

Senator Obhof moved to adopt the Senate Standing Committee Rules. **Senator Eklund** seconded. The committee adopted the rules with a vote of 22-0. **Judge Melody Stewart** abstained.

The committee discussed its mission at length. Members agreed on the need for open communication given the diverse interests represented and the importance of the committee's work. The committee also debated several specific topics such as duplication and strict liability within the context of the committee's overall mission.

A brief overview of the workgroup proposal was presented. Members were asked to respond to the Chapter priorities survey if they had not already done so. Those responses will be used to compose the workgroup assignments.

Members were asked to think about the general principles that should be adopted in drafting to achieve consistency. These proposals will be used to guide discussion at the next meeting.

Committee staff was introduced and descriptions of their roles were provided.

For planning purposes, the committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise altered or canceled.

Senator Obhof moved to adjourn the meeting and **Mr. O'Brien** seconded.

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Pepple adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.



Judge Fred Pepple, Chair