



OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 @ 1:30 PM
OHIO STATEHOUSE, ROOM 313
ONE CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Members Present:

- Governor Mike DeWine, member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Auditor of State Keith Faber, member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Secretary of State Frank LaRose, member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Robert R. Cupp, appointed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Minority Leader Allison Russo, appointed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission by the Acting Minority Leader of the House of Representatives pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Senate President Matt Huffman, appointed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission by the President of the Senate pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution
- Senator Vernon Sykes, appointed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission by the Minority Leader of the Senate pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution

Members Absent:

- None

A. Call to Order

Co-Chair Sykes called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

With seven members in attendance, Co-Chair Sykes declared a quorum present.

C. Minutes

Co-Chair Sykes asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the January 20 (through January 22), 2022 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

D. Motion to Adopt Sykes-Russo House Proposal

Leader Russo made a motion to adopt the General Assembly plan entitled “Sykes Russo February 15th House and Senate Maps.” Discussion followed in response to questions from Commission members. By a vote of 2-5 (Cupp, DeWine, Faber, Huffman, LaRose), the motion failed.

E. Motion to Require Submission of Written Allegations

Leader Russo made a motion to require that any commissioner alleging that the “Sykes Russo February 15th map” violates the Constitution be required to put said allegation on the record in writing. Co-Chair Sykes seconded the motion. Co-Chair Cupp objected to the motion. By a vote of 2-5 (Cupp, DeWine, Faber, Huffman, LaRose), the motion failed.

F. Commission in Recess

Co-Chair Cupp made a motion to recess. Hearing no objections, the Commission stood in recess.

G. Call to Order

Co-Chair Sykes called the Commission to order.

H. Motion to Amend Rules

Auditor Faber made a motion to amend Rule 5 of the Ohio Redistricting Commission Rules to add the following language:

“After an initial meeting of the Redistricting Commission, any of the three members of the commission may call for a meeting of the Commission. Upon a request by three members of the Commission for a meeting, the Co-Chairs shall promptly provide notice of the meeting pursuant to Rule 2, within twenty-four hours when feasible, at a location determined by the Co-Chairs.”

Secretary LaRose seconded the motion. Discussion followed in response to questions from Commission members. By a vote of 6-1 (Russo), the motion passed.

I. Public Statements

The following Commission members offered public statements (see referenced time in transcript of proceedings)

- Auditor Faber (03:18)
- President Huffman (11:56)
- Governor DeWine (21:02)
- Secretary LaRose (25:45)
- Leader Russo (29:52)
- Co-Chair Sykes (32:21)
- Co-Chair Cupp (36:32)

J. Notes on Next Meeting

Co-Chair Cupp stated that the Co-Chairs would be contacting Commission Member staff to ascertain whether the Commission could meet in the first part of the following week.

K. Adjourn

With no further business to come before the Commission, Co-Chair Sykes adjourned the meeting.