

Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission
Meeting Minutes
11 December 2015
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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Commissioners present at the meeting were: Reno, Campbell (via telephone), O’Connell, Ryan, Smith, and Glenn.

Others in attendance were: Cassie Barlow, Marty Kress, Dennis Andersh, Mike Wiehe, Julie Brigner, Senator Chris Widener, Karen Conrad, and Bill Albright

Mr. O’Connell called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to review the minutes. Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and subsequently approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. O’Connell opened the meeting to hear visitors questions or comments. There were no comments or questions from visitors

Mr. O’Connell mentioned that he had heard nothing from the Ohio Board of Commissions regarding the hiring of an Executive Director for the OFMJC. He told the other Commissioners that he would continue to follow-up regarding the hiring process. He also mentioned that the Commission should check with the The Adjutant General of Ohio regarding his interest in providing temporary manning for the Executive Director in the interim before an Executive Director is hired.

Dr. Barlow gave an update on the OFMJC budget and reported that spending is on track with budget.

Ms. Karen Conrad from Development Services Agency briefed on a study recently completed for her office by the Chmura Economics and Analytics Group. The group built the Ohio Defense Contract Spending Impact Model for DSA. She gave a tutorial on the program and explained how it could be useful to many offices across the state.

Mr. Glenn showed the Commissioners the most recent “Defense Spending by Date” publication and mentioned it usefulness as a resource.

The Commissioners had a conversation regarding mention of the Veterans Administration in the final strategy report. They determined that based on the economic impact of multiple large VA hospitals in the state, that there should be mention of the VA in the report.

The Commissioners then worked their way through final edits of the OFMJC Report. Commissioners will send final comments to Dr. Barlow for inclusion in the report. Mr. Reno mentioned that he would like to see the OFMJC accomplishments moved from the appendix to the executive summary, with page references included. The Commissioners signed the report

signature page. Dr. Barlow will finalize the edits before the end of December 2015 and will mail the reports to the Governor, House and Senate.

The Commissioners will present the Strategy to the Governors Staff, and the leadership of the House and Senate in January.

Senator Widener joined the meeting and answered questions about the way ahead for the Commission. He mentioned the importance of implementation of the strategy and how the Commissioners all have a role in implementation. He mentioned additional offices that should be briefed on the strategy to include: Ohio University Presidents, the Adjutant General, the Chancellor, JobsOhio, OhioMeansJobs, the JobsOhio regions. He also mentioned that the Commissioners should brief the strategy to Ohio's Congressman and Senators.

Senator Widener also mentioned that the Commissioners should think about a Press Conference so the news of recommendations could be spread across the State.

Mr. O'Connell asked if there was any new business. Hearing no new business, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ryan made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Smith seconded the motion with unanimous agreement by the Commissioners. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.