

Meeting Minutes

OFMJC Commissioner Meeting at OSU

13 Feb 2015

Commissioners in Attendance:

Campbell, Decker, Markovich, McDaniel, OConnell, Reno, Ryan, Smith, Wayt

Others in Attendance:

Andersh, Barlow, Kress

Reviewed the agenda. Reviewed again that the Commission was appropriated \$700K, but currently did not have access to the money. Barlow mentioned that OBR has the money and is working the transfer of funds to WSU. Wayt asked about approval of the budget and suggested that the Commissioners officially review and approve the budget in the next meeting as well as all the minutes from the Commission meetings. McDaniel asked a question about whether the Chapters would really cost as much as budgeted and why the Commissioners were budgeted so much money. Barlow mentioned that the Statements of Work for all Chapters were written and the contract writers for each chapter were just waiting for dollars to be assigned to their contracts. The Commissioners talked about their ability to review all the work that was being done before the 31st of March and that they should probably just focus on what the legislation required (legislative items 1-6). Wayt mentioned that all the Commissioners should be familiar with the Sunshine laws.

The Chapter 1 leads (Andersh & Kress) gave an update on progress of their Chapter. They discussed their work to understand AFRL, NASA and National Research needs; in addition they have been working to map attractive investments across the country. They looked at options to use the Ohio Research Net to connect the state on research. They are working to drill down into priorities across the AFRL and NASA and then to do a SWOT analysis. They are looking at other University models for commercialization processes (e.g. MIT, Penn State). Currently, every university in Ohio has a different Commercialization process. There may be some benefit to standardizing this process across the state. They are currently asking all Universities about their Federal contract work across the state. They are looking at the NSF icorp program and its related options for Ohio. They are also looking at the potential for an integrated SBIR initiative across the state. AFRL and NASA gave the Chapter 1 team their priorities for the next 5-10 years. The team mentioned the importance of more internships and apprenticeship across the state to build the next generation of federal workforce. The team is cataloguing different research sectors and competencies across Ohio Universities. The team is also investigating R&D dollar potential with AFOSR since Ohio is currently #7 of their list for total funding. The team is working with the Ohio Aerospace Commission to gather requirements.

The Chapter 2 lead was unavailable to give an update, but sent an outline for Commissioner review. McDaniel mentioned that the quality of the SBDCs across the state was really dependent on the quality of people in the offices. She also mentioned that this Chapter needs to be in contact with all regional JobsOhio offices to get their feedback on how small businesses are doing in their region. She had a general concern about creating tools, since someone has to keep the tools updated. The Commissioners thought we needed to write an initiative into this Chapter that would offer basic assistance to Small Businesses to help them conduct their business with the Federal Government.

They mentioned that there were initiatives across the state that have been successful (e.g. export program in JobsOhio).

The Chapter 3 lead (Barlow) gave an update on Chapter 3. She talked about the potential for a Leadership Ohio program fashioned off the Leadership Oklahoma program. The Commissioners wanted to make sure that this program wasn't just a series of tours across the state and that it was really a Leadership Development and Education program. The Commissioners mentioned that JFS needed to be at the table with this Chapter as well as the County Commissioners. The Commissioners mentioned that OMJ needed to link with USAJobs for Ohio specific jobs. The Commissioners also mentioned that Federal jobs needed to be listed in Ohio In-Demand jobs listings. The Commissioners mentioned that we need to target vets from around the world through the Transition Assistance Program that are originally from Ohio and that were stationed in Ohio. The Commissioners mentioned that we need more internships and co-ops across the state specifically for in-demand jobs.

Barlow mentioned that Chapter 4 is still waiting on funding and that a Statement of Work and Writing Contractor are ready to go. The Commissioners thought that we need a rank order of potential state-wide federal installation potential investments in this chapter. In addition, the Commissioners mentioned that we should list state savings opportunities in this Chapter. For instance, we should mention pre-BRAC potential for consolidation across the state.

The Commissioners then had a general discussion about the lack of knowledge in the different regions about BRAC criteria and about all the work required before the next BRAC. The commissioners talked about the importance of each region owning their data and working to improve their data for the next BRAC. There was general agreement that the BRAC criteria were not going to change, but perhaps the weighting of the criteria would change. There was also agreement that Ohio should not be in a defensive crouch, but instead be thinking about how we bring more business to Ohio and how we improve our installations across the state. The Commissioners also agreed that it was important to continue to educate our Congressional members across the state on our Federal business in Ohio. The Commissioners discussed that each region should be ready to discuss their cost efficiencies and to justify their costs.

The Commissioners talked about the potential of identifying a theme for the Strategy – what does Ohio want to be known for and how do we build this theme for the future – the Strategy could define how we get there. The Strategy needs to connect the dots—what does the state require in the future and how does the legislation help the state bridge the gap.

The Commissioners talked about an initiative to become a Veteran friendly state—maybe tax deductions to non-military pay (100% the first year; 80% the second year, etc).

The Commissioners stated that all initiatives in the Strategy don't have to have a bill. There should be some initiatives that are free.

The Commissioners thought it would be good to get a general outline of the Strategy to the Governor's Office as soon as possible to get a vector check. Wayt will have a discussion with Struble about the outline and funding of the strategy.

The Commissioners thought the strategy should go to the Governor's Office first and then to the General Assembly.

The Commissioners talked about meeting with a group of Graybeards from the Austria Blue Ribbon Commission.

