

Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission
Meeting Minutes
17 July 2015
1:00-3:00 pm
Ohio State University

Commissioners present at the meeting were: Reno, O'Connell, Ryan, Decker (on phone – did not vote), Smith, Markovich and Campbell. Others in attendance were: Marty Kress, Cassie Barlow, Mike Wiehe, Julie Brigner, Paul Sullivan and Rich Knoll.

At 1:00 Vice-Chairman O'Connell called the meeting to order and conducted a roll call.

Mr. O'Connell asked for the Commissioners to review the minutes from 7 May and the notes from 12 June. Ms. Smith motioned for an approval of the minutes from 7 May and Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Reno then motioned to approve the posting of the notes from 12 June to the OFMJC website. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and all of the Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve the posting of the notes.

Mr. O'Connell informed the board that Commissioner Bridget McDaniel had resigned from the Commission on 17 July 2015.

Mr. O'Connell opened the floor to hear from visitors. No comments were heard.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he was willing to serve as the new Chairman of the Commission. He asked if there were any other nominations for Chairman. Hearing no nominations, he asked for a motion to approve his appointment. Ms. Ryan motioned for approval and Mr. Reno seconded. All voted in favor of the nomination.

Mr. O'Connell then asked for a nomination or volunteer for Vice Chairman. Mr. Campbell volunteered. There were no other volunteers or nominations. The Chairman approved the nomination and all voted in favor.

Mr. O'Connell reported that he contacted the Governor's office about a Commissioner replacement for Mr. Wayt. The Director of Ohio Commissions is working the replacement. Ms. Ryan made several recommendations of nominees from the Dayton area since Mr. Wayt was nominated from the Dayton region. Dr. Barlow updated everyone that there was an original set of nominations and that Senator Widener would go back to these original nominations to select the replacements.

Mr. Markovich informed the board that he had been selected to be the Ohio Air Adjutant General and that he would be talking with the Ohio National Guard lawyers about his ability to continue to serve on the Commission. He said he would report back to the Commission, after he received information from the Ohio National Guard lawyers.

Mr. Reno asked about the Commissioners terms and how the terms would be staggered to ensure all of the Commissioners were not being replaced at the same time. Mr. O'Connell and Dr. Barlow will discuss this topic with Senator Widener. Mr. Wayt and Ms. Smith were appointed by the Governor on 6 February 2015. Their term continues at the pleasure of the governor. The Senate nominated Mr. Markovich, Ms. McDaniel and Mr. Reno on 13 November 2014 for a term of one year. The Ohio House appointed Mr. Campbell, Mr. O'Connell and Ms. Ryan on 23 October 2014.

Mr. O'Connell then updated the Commissioners on the full-time Executive Director position. He stated that the position request is in the Governor's office.

Mr. Kress then updated the Commissioners on the Chapter 1 team progress regarding Research and Development and Technology Transition. He reported that the Centers of Excellence at the Universities across the state are all working to write their sections of Chapter 1.

Dr. Barlow then gave an update on the current budget that came with the Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission Legislation. Dr. Barlow stated that the Chapter 1 team would like to redistribute the funding in order to equalize the dollars distributed to each Center of Excellence. She also mentioned that Wright State and Ohio State would have slightly more money based on the fact that they each are leading two Centers of Excellence. Mr. Markovich motioned to approve the redistribution and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the redistribution of funds for the Chapter 1 Centers of Excellence. Dr. Barlow then presented the recent State Budget results to the Commissioners and mentioned the support received for the next two years for the Commissions Centers of Excellence.

The Commissioners asked for an itemized review of the budget for the next meeting. Dr. Barlow will present this budget in August.

There was then a discussion among the Commissioners about the different Committees and Commissions that were recently formed at the State level with similar tasks to the Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission. The Commissioners decided a meeting was required with Senator Widener to ensure there is no duplication of effort on the multiple Commissions.

Mr. Wiehe then gave an update on Chapter 2, Small Business Development. He presented numbers to the Commissioners on Small Business Administration Contracting levels and presented several recommendations on which his team is working. Mr. Reno and Mr. O'Connell both mentioned that before adopting a new Small Business Model in the State it would be important to show Return on Investment of the model utilized in other states.

Dr. Barlow then gave an update on Chapter 3, Workforce Development. She presented on the overall organization of the Chapter and the progress on recommendations. She mentioned that multiple offices at the State level are currently reviewing the Chapter and recommendations. Mr. Reno asked that we get feedback from military members about what it would take for them to stay in Ohio. Dr. Barlow stated that she would accomplish this through Focus Groups.

Mr. Reno mentioned that when the Commission makes its final recommendations, the Commissioners should ensure synergy with other Committees and Commissions in the State.

Mr. Sullivan then gave a detailed presentation on Military Value and proposed a survey to update numbers that would be worked by each JobsOhio Region Military Affairs Committee. The Commissioners all approved the survey and Mr. O'Connell signed out the survey to be sent immediately. The survey will be due back to Mr. Sullivan in late August 2015.

Ms. Ryan mentioned that the Commissioners two day meeting in September might be a good time to hear from the other Commissions and Committees in the State that have similar functions as the Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission.

The Commissioners asked the Chapter 1, 2, and 3 leads to gather and make recommendations about next steps for Chapter 5 (the overall strategy).

Dr. Barlow mentioned that she would update the Commission schedule spreadsheet to document surveys to capture information from bases vice visits.

Mr. O'Connell asked if there was any other business and took motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:40pm.

The next meeting will be at Ohio State University Hitchcock Hall on 14 August 2015 from 1-4.