

Meeting Minutes for the Citizens' Commission on Elected Officials Compensation  
May 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.  
Columbus City Hall, Council Chambers

Attendance:

- Chester C. Christie, Commission Chair
- Kristen Easterday, Commissioner
- Dawn Tyler Lee, Commissioner
- Marchelle E. Moore, Esq., Commissioner
- William Murdock, Commissioner (absent)
- Andrea Blevins, Columbus City Clerk
- Ken Paul, Chief of Staff to Council President Andrew J. Ginther
- Rory McGuinness, Special Assistant to Mayor Michael B. Coleman
- Greg Beaverson, Compensation Manager, Columbus Department of Human Resources
- Nichole Brandon, Director, Columbus Department of Human Resources
- Amy DeLong, Director, Civil Service Commission

Mr. Christie welcomed everyone to the first public hearing for the Citizens' Compensation Commission on Elected Officials Compensation and called the meeting to order. Commission members and staff introduced themselves.

Mr. Christie summarized Section 15.3 of the Columbus City Charter, which authorizes the Commission to conduct a review of salaries for like positions in the public sector and that the recommendations shall be appropriate to the duties for each elected officer of the City of Columbus. Mr. Christie read from Section 15.4 that "the commission shall submit to the city clerk a report of recommendations for the salary of each elective officer of the city, including an annual cost of living adjustment which shall not exceed the average increase in the consumer price index, or successor thereto, during the preceding four years."

Mr. Christie gave a summary of the work of the commission thus far, including work from the last meeting. Mr. Christie stated that all of the meetings have been recorded, televised, and available online. Mr. Christie stated that there is a dedicated web page for the Commission that contains meeting materials including salary data.

Mr. Christie outlined the purpose of this meeting was for public input and testimony. Mr. Christie announced the next working meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Christie added that the public is also able to add input via the web through an online comment form, email, or by phone.

Mr. Christie stated that the public may offer testimony consistent with the rules of Columbus City Council, which require that a speaker slip be filled out by the individual wishing to speak and stated that slips are available in the hallway directly adjacent to Columbus City Council Chambers. Mr. Christie reiterated that speaker slips will be accepted until approximately 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Christie asked if there had been any speaker slips, Mr. Paul responded that no speaker slips had been received yet.

Mr. Christie recessed the meeting and stated that the commission members will remain until 10:30 a.m. at which time they will reconvene and hear any comments from the public if speaker slips are received.

Mr. Christie reconvened the meeting and asked if any speaker slips had been submitted. Mr. Paul responded that no speaker slips had been submitted.

Mr. Christie again announced the next Commission meeting and public hearing will be Tuesday, May, 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and that speaker slips will be accepted. Mr. Christie thanked staff and said he looked forward to a detailed and productive next meeting.

Mr. Christie adjourned the meeting.