



Citizens' Initiative Review Commission Telephonic Commission Meeting



1:00 pm, July 10, 2012

Rhoades Conference Room, 700 Summer St. NE, Ste #320, Salem, OR 97301

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Hudson, Chair
James Huffman, Vice-Chair
Marion Sharp
Ann Bakkensen

STAFF PRESENT

Randy Everitt, Director
Randy Harnisch, Policy Analyst
Sinnamon Harris, Commission Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

Molly Keating
Mike Greenfield
Elliot Shuford

(Guests Present Continued)

Tony Iaccarino
Tyrone Reitman
Paul Rainey

Call to Order

Jerry Hudson, Chair, called the meeting of the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission to order at 1:05 pm, Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Rhoades Conference Room, 700 Summer St. NE, Ste #320, Salem, OR 97301. This was a telephonic meeting. Roll was called.

Selection of Initiative for Review

Oregon Health Democracy provided the commission with information regarding the initiative petitions, submitted to the Secretary of State's office, from which the commission could draw from in their decision to choose two initiatives for panel reviews.

Randy Harnisch, Policy Analyst, read the portion of HB 2634 Section 5 that applied to the selection of initiatives and provided the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission with guidelines for their selection:

“(1) the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission shall select one or more state measures proposed by initiative petition to be voted on at a general election and convene a separate citizen panel to review each selected measure. (2) In selecting a measure to be reviewed by a citizen panel, the commission shall consider the following criteria: (a) The fiscal impact of a measure. (b) Whether the measure amends the Oregon Constitution. (c) The availability of funds to conduct reviews. (d) Any other criteria established by the commission by rule.”

The commission discussed and considered the individual initiative petitions at length and decided to individually select three initiatives that each commissioner felt was worthy of consideration using the criteria noted above. A tally was made of the selections with a third initiative petition to be held in reserve should one of the selected initiative petitions fail to qualify for the ballot by lack of valid signatures.

MOTION:

James Huffman made a motion with a second by Ann Bakkensen to adopt Initiative Petitions (IP) #35 and #36 for panel reviews with IP #15 to be held in reserve should either IP #35 or IP #36 failed to qualify {for the ballot}. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Agenda and Operating Procedures for Initiative Review Panels

Oregon Health Democracy presented the agendas for August 6-10 and August 20-24 panel dates and operating policies and procedures for the commission's consideration.

Harnisch asked for the approval by the commission of the agendas and operating policies and procedures so it may be provided to the public for a clear understanding of how the initiative review process will work. It was made clear that any future operating policies and procedures may be modified as deemed necessary following the experience in August, 2012.

MOTION:

Marion Sharp made a motion with a second by Ann Bakkensen to approve the proposed 2012 Citizens' Initiative Review Operating Policies & Procedures as presented as operating principals. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Harnisch asked for staff direction if it turned out to be necessary to identify "surrogate advocates" if advocates for either side of an issue, for whatever reason, decided not to participate, cannot be located, or cannot be identified. In that case it would be necessary for staff to find an entity to represent that position. Harnisch stated that his understanding is that the statute specifically allows for the surrogate process, if indeed, there becomes a need.

MOTION:

Marion Sharp made a motion with a second by Ann Bakkensen to fulfill the statute requirements with a plan in place to create a surrogate group {of advocates for any given initiative} if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Ann Bakkensen made a motion with a second by James Huffman to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:57 pm.

Prepared by: Sinnamon Harris, Commission Specialist

[Note: An audio recording is available by public records request. Please contact the agency for additional information.]