



OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

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**Ohio Facilities Construction Commission  
October 30, 2014  
Special Meeting  
Rhodes Tower Hearing Room (Lobby)  
3:30 PM**

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Chairman Keen called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Chairman Timothy Keen, Vice Chair Robert Blair and Mr. Gary Mohr.

Chairman Keen noted that notice of this special meeting was provided. That notice indicated the purpose for the meeting is to consider the appointment and compensation of the interim Executive Director and to consider the process of an appointment for a permanent Executive Director. It also noted that it was possible that we would adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment compensation of the interim Executive Director and consideration of the permanent Executive Director. A resolution was passed at our last meeting authorizing the Chairman to conduct the process to consider the appointment of an interim Executive Director. Pursuant to that authority, the Chairman took the opportunity to discuss with the senior executive staff members of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, their interests in both the interim and permanent position.

Chairman Keen then made a motion to go into executive session to consider the appointment and compensation of an interim Executive Director and consideration of a permanent Executive Director.

Director Mohr seconded the motion.

After the roll call vote, the motion to go into executive session carried unanimously.

Approval: Vote 3-0

The Commission went into executive session.

The Commission returned to open session.

**Appointing an Interim Executive Director and Approving the Chairman's Administration of the Process of Filling the Position on a Permanent Basis – Resolution 14-14**

Chairman Keen explained that Resolution 14-14 is the appointment and compensation of an interim Executive Director and the consideration of the process for filling a position on a permanent basis for the Commission's consideration.

Director Mohr commented when you select folks for positions and there are always multiple competent people that can be considered, it makes it a difficult decision. He felt heartened by the kind of collegiality that exists here moving forward. He appreciated people who were willing to step up and do the job on an interim basis that may not be interested in the position full-term. It often allows a longer term selection process to move forward objectively and decisions to be made on a daily basis that are not necessarily affected by the selection process. He thought it was commendable the value of an individual that would step up and do that. He thought the resolution made a lot of sense. Chairman Keen added that we have four quality people on the senior staff of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission that he had the opportunity to talk to. His recommendation to the Commission and contained in the resolution was that David Chovan, OFCC Chief Operations Officer, be appointed as the interim Executive Director. David expressed an interest in the interim, but did not express an interest in the permanent position. Chairman Keen felt there were some advantages to that. There are three other very qualified people who may very well, some or all, apply for the permanent position. He encouraged them all to do that. As we go through the process, they will get every consideration. There is no action being taken that should be felt to reflect poorly on any of them. He agreed with Director Mohr that an interim person that is not interested in the permanent position has advantages particularly with other internal candidates for the permanent position. He felt that we were well positioned and was looking forward to the process moving forward. Director Blair added that he agreed with Mr. Chovan being chosen as interim. He added that if this Commission runs perfectly smoothly for the next couple of months, he would not mind the interim person applying for the permanent position and he would encourage it, even though he understood Mr. Chovan had already declined the permanent position. Chairman Keen then read the resolution.

Director Mohr moved to approve Resolution 14-14.

Vice Chair Blair seconded the motion.

Approval: Vote 3-0.

Chairman Keen congratulated Mr. Chovan on his appointment. Chairman Keen added before concluding the meeting that some thought was needed in handling the permanent process. Clearly we had to act with dispatch on the interim basis and we are now in good shape as we move forward. Some thought needs to be given to the permanent process, and it is possible that we will call another special meeting prior to our annual quarterly meeting for the purposes of update and discussion about the process we are using. Under the public meetings law, Chairman Keen cannot talk with the Commission members about this matter outside of a special meeting. We will call special meetings if necessary to discuss this and given the subject matter of personnel it is possible that those meetings will include executive sessions as was had in this meeting as we appropriately move through the process to fill this position. Director Mohr added the special meetings will keep us moving along in a good way. It may elongate the process, but in the end what we are looking for is a great candidate. Vice Chair Blair added that the School Facilities Commission and the Facilities Construction Commission has done a very good job and any one of the candidates are eminently qualified. He has seen that in all the candidates. He has worked with every one of the candidates in various points and there is no question you do your job and do it well.

There was no public testimony.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.



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Timothy S. Keen, Commission Chair



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These meeting minutes were prepared by  
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