

COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER
MINUTES
March 4, 2009
Supreme Court of Ohio

Members Present: Chad Readler (Chair); Michael Ball; Neema Bell; Mary Gray; Barbara Powers; Marilyn Kauff Sheridan; Richard Simpson; Richard Wallace (by telephone).

Others Present: Rick Dove (Supreme Court); Ruth Newcomer (Supreme Court); Travis Jackson (Jones, Day)

1. Mr. Readler called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.
2. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting, and a modification was proposed to add Ruth Newcomer's name to the list of persons in attendance. With this modification, the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting were approved.
3. Ms. Gray presented a report from the Art Acquisition Committee that included the following items:
 - Ms. Gray indicated that \$15,575 remains in the acquisition budget for fiscal year 2009. She also provided a breakdown, by region of the state, of art purchases from May 2007 through February 2009. Ms. Gray said the committee would be planning a visit to art galleries in the Cleveland area and would advise Commission members of the date of that visit.
 - Ms. Gray reported on the committee's visit to Toledo on February 11, 2009. She indicated that the committee recommends the purchase of a work by Richard Reed entitled, *Kent Reed and Cow*, acrylic on panel, 20 x 24 inches, at a cost of \$1,800.00, unframed. A digital image of the work and the artist's biography were distributed to the Commission in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, the Commission unanimously adopted a motion to recommend to the Supreme Court the purchase of Mr. Reed's work.
 - Ms. Gray outlined the content of the four art-related guidelines distributed to Commission members by email on February 26, 2009. She indicated that, if approved by the Commission, the proposed guidelines would be reformatted by staff but not submitted to the Supreme Court until such time as the Commission develops other guidelines relative to the acquisition of art. After discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve, in concept, the guidelines developed by the committee. The committee will work on additional guidelines for consideration at future Commission meetings.

- Ms. Newcomer reported on the recent installation of works acquired by the Court through purchase or donation prior to the first meeting of the Commission. Ms. Newcomer also discussed the Supreme Court's plans to issue a news release on March 13, 2009 and publish a brochure regarding the Tuskegee Airmen portraits.
4. On behalf of the Building Use Committee, Mr. Simpson led a discussion of the February 26, 2009 draft guideline on building use that was circulated prior to the meeting. The Commission's discussion focused on the fact that law firms and other legal practice entities would be the only for-profit entities authorized in the proposed guideline to use the Ohio Judicial Center, and the desirability of developing a schedule of fees to be charged for use of the facility. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion, Ms. Bell abstaining, to submit the proposed building use guideline to the Supreme Court for its consideration, with the following amendments: (a) referencing tax-exempt rather than nonprofit organizations; (b) removing "professional organizations" from the list of entities permitted to use the Ohio Judicial Center; (c) substituting "Educational, business, or social gatherings for tax-exempt organizations" for "Appropriate business or social gatherings for nonprofit and professional organizations" in the list of permissible purposes of public use; and (d) making nonsubstantive editing changes. The Commission members acknowledged that the Court would be required to amend OJC Reg. 36 to expand the list of entities permitted to use the Ohio Judicial Center before the regulation could be adopted and implemented.
 5. During lunch, the Commission viewed a PowerPoint presentation that included photographs of the Ohio Judicial Center taken before, during, and after the 2001-2004 renovation.
 6. Mr. Ball reported that the OJC Trust Committee had developed a series of documents, circulated prior to the meeting, to establish the Ohio Judicial Center Foundation and to apply for the Foundation's tax-exempt status. Travis Jackson from the law firm of Jones, Day, who prepared the required documents on a pro bono basis, explained the content of the various legal documents and responded to questions from members of the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission unanimously adopted a motion to recommend that the Supreme Court authorize the Commission to take the steps necessary to establish the Foundation and secure its tax-exempt status, in accordance with the documents discussed at the meeting.
 7. The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Friday, May 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
 8. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Dove
Secretary