

**COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 3, 2009**  
**Supreme Court of Ohio**

**Members Present:** Chad Readler (Chair); Richard Wallace (Vice-Chair); Mick Ball; Neema Bell; Rich Simpson; Mary Gray; Barbara Powers; Craig Weise.

**Others Present:** Rick Dove, Craig Morrow, and Ruth Newcomer (Supreme Court).

1. Mr. Readler called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Craig Morrow, Director of Facilities Management, was introduced to the Commission.
3. The minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.
4. Mr. Readler reported on the Court's consideration of the purchases of art work proposed by the Commission at the October 8 meeting. Mr. Readler indicated that the Court was not inclined to purchase works of art in view of the state's fiscal situation, although the Court was generally pleased with the selections made by the Commission. Mr. Readler also noted that the Court encouraged the Commission to seek out temporary loans of art work from the Columbus Museum of Art and other Ohio museums.
5. Ms. Gray presented a report from the Art Acquisition Committee. The following items were included in the report:
  - Ms. Gray reported on conversations with the director and curator of the Columbus Museum of Art about securing works on temporary loan from the museum. Due to staffing and time constraints, the museum is willing to provide images of works available for loan but cannot accommodate site visits. After discussion, Ms. Gray agreed to contact the director and curator to determine the number and quality of the images available and communicate with the committee.
  - Based on the initial discussions regarding temporary loans, Ms. Gray proposed revisions to the Art Acquisition Guideline to address the acceptance of temporary loans and the process for accepting such loans. The sense of the Commission was that temporary loans should not require Court approval, and the secretary was instructed to rewrite the guideline to reflect the Commission's discussion.
  - Ms. Gray provided a list of the appraised value of the Supreme Court art collection. Based on questions from Commission members, Ms. Gray and Ms. Newcomer agreed to research standards relating to the frequency of collection reappraisals and determine whether the Court's insurance coverage addresses increases in value.

- Ms. Gray reported on research related to a radio frequency tracking system for the Supreme Court collection and recommended the Commission defer further consideration of this matter based on the cost of the system. No action was taken by the Commission.
  - Ms. Gray presented the Supreme Court minute from October 10, 1995 relative to the acceptance of former justices' portraits. The Commission discussed that portion of the Court minute that provides for acceptance only after death of a portrait of a justice who served fewer than six years on the Court. The secretary was instructed to prepare a draft guideline for the Commission's consideration that reflects the standard adopted by the Court in 1995 but that includes a recommendation that any former justice, regardless of tenure on the Court, be permitted to present a portrait to the Court.
6. Mr. Simpson reported on behalf of the Public Use Committee and presented a redrafted Building Use Guideline that reflects input from the Supreme Court and further discussion by the Committee regarding the permit issuance process and assessment and use of fees. Following discussion, the Commission approved a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed guideline by the Supreme Court.
  7. The Commission engaged in a general discussion regarding the Ohio Judicial Center Foundation. The Commission discussed possible initial goals and activities of the Foundation, activities to communicate to the public about the existence of the Foundation, additional Foundation board members, and accounting services to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Commission agreed that the Foundation board of trustees would meet immediately after the next Commission meeting to address these and other issues. Mr. Readler asked Commission members to contact him prior to the next meeting if they are interested in serving in a leadership position on the Foundation.
  8. The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is to be followed immediately by a meeting of the board of trustees of the Ohio Judicial Center Foundation.
  9. The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Dove  
Secretary