

COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER
MINUTES
October 24, 2008
Supreme Court of Ohio

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

Others Present: Chief Justice Thomas Moyer; Jay Wuebbold; Ruth Newcomer; Rick Dove

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Readler at 10:10 a.m.
2. The Commission members introduced themselves.
3. Chief Justice Moyer welcomed the Commission members and thanked them for their service to the Supreme Court. He provided a brief summary of how the Court came to acquire and occupy the Ohio Judicial Center (OJC), spoke about the art and architecture in the building, and outlined the Court's commitment of funds to acquire additional artwork in the OJC. Chief Justice Moyer described the Commission as a quasi-independent organization whose initial purposes are to assist the Court in developing standards governing the acquisition of artwork, including offers of donated art, and the proper use of the OJC. With regard to the latter, Chief Justice Moyer stated the desire that the OJC not become an entertainment center for the frequent hosting of events and noted that the current standards contained in the OJC Regulations constituted a good starting point for building use standards.
4. Following Chief Justice Moyer's remarks, Jay Wuebbold and Ruth Newcomer lead the Commission members on a tour of the OJC that included the Ground Floor, First Floor, the offices and public areas on the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Floors, and the Library Gallery and Reading Room.
5. Mr. Readler provided an overview of the Ohio Judicial Center Regulations, focusing on Regulations 36 and 37 that govern the operation of the Commission.
6. The Commission engaged in a general discussion of its responsibilities and the initial focus of its efforts. Among the items discussed were:
 - Development of a mission statement with goals and objectives. Staff was asked to prepare a mission statement and circulate it for review and comment by the Commission.
 - Ideas for presentations at future Commission meetings. These included an external tour of the OJC, an overview of security at the OJC, and an overview of the renovation process by Schooley Caldwell and Associates.

- Art Acquisitions. The Court has budgeted \$25,000 for the acquisition of artwork in the building, and approximately \$1,000 has been spent thus far.
 - The role of the Administrative Director in relation to the Commission was described as a liaison to facilitate communications between the Commission and the Court.
 - Additional standards and guidelines. The Commission discussed the eventual development of guidelines or standards governing the public use of the OJC, including a fee structure, and the acquisition of art, including standards governing the acceptance of donated artwork.
 - OJC Trust. The Commission was advised that although OJC Regulation 37 provides for the establishment of a trust, no trust documents have been prepared or executed.
 - OJC history/archivist. The Commission discussed the need to document the history of the Ohio Judicial Center from its original construction, through the renovation, and up to the present.
7. Based on the discussion, the Commission established three committees with the following membership and areas of responsibility:
- **Art Acquisition**—Gray (chair) Bell, Powers, Sheridan, Ball. This committee will be responsible for developing guidelines and standards governing the acquisition of additional artwork for display at the OJC, including a policy to address offers of donated artwork. The initial responsibility will be to develop a process for obtaining art to be funded from the balance of the Court-allocated funds in fiscal year 2009, ending June 30, 2008.
 - **Building Use**—Simpson (chair), Wallace, Readler. This committee will be responsible for developing standards and guidelines governing public use of the Ohio Judicial Center.
 - **Ohio Judicial Center Trust**—Ball (chair), Weise, Readler. This committee will be responsible for developing the documentation necessary to establish the Ohio Judicial Center Trust provided for in OJC Regulation 37.
8. The committees were directed to conduct organizational meetings prior to the next Commission meeting.
9. By acclamation, Mr. Wallace was selected to serve as vice-chair of the Commission. The Commission elected Mr. Readler and Mr. Wallace as chair and vice-chair of the Commission through December 31, 2009. The Commission designated an executive

committee consisting of the chair, vice-chair, and chairs of the three committees to act on any matters that may arise between Commission meetings. The Court's staff liaison was designated as secretary of the Commission.

10. The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Dove
Secretary