

**COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2009**  
**Supreme Court of Ohio**

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

**Others Present:** Rick Dove; James Cappelli; Ruth Newcomer

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Readler at 2:05 p.m.
2. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October 24, 2008 meeting, and modifications were proposed to add the names of Mr. Ball and Ms. Sheridan to the membership of the Art Acquisition Committee and to remove Ms. Sheridan's name from the membership of the Building Use Committee. With these modifications, the minutes of the October 24, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. James Cappelli, Director of Court Security of the Supreme Court of Ohio, presented an overview of security arrangements for the Ohio Judicial Center, including the exterior grounds. Following his presentation and after responding to questions from Commission members, Mr. Cappelli left the meeting.
4. The Commission discussed the draft mission statement that was circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Hollon observed that the Ohio Judicial Center regulation establishing the Commission sets forth its duties and responsibilities and thus questioned whether a mission statement was necessary at this time. After further discussion, the Commission tabled the consideration and adoption of a mission statement.
5. Ms. Gray presented a report from the Art Acquisition Committee that included the following items:
  - Ms. Gray led a discussion of the draft acquisition guideline that was circulated prior to the meeting. The Commission's discussion focused on the following issues: (a) the process for submitting a recommended acquisition to the Supreme Court and the Court's approval or disapproval of the same; (b) the proposed requirement that art to be acquired must be produced by Ohio artists, to the exclusion of Ohio-themed art produced by an artist without a connection to Ohio; (c) application of the guideline to works of donated art, commissioned works, loaned works, and portraits of former justices; (d) whether the guideline needs to be written to allow for more flexible application, and (e) the need for a glossary of terms, perhaps applicable to all Commission guidelines. Ms. Gray indicated the

committee would meet prior to the next Commission meeting to discuss the points raised by the Commission and prepare a revised guideline for discussion.

- Ms. Gray outlined plans for the committee to visit galleries in Toledo on February 11, 2009.
  - The committee presented the work “Near Southbeach” an encaustic and oil work by Columbus artist Denny Griffith and recommended its purchase by the Court for \$5,500.00 and installation in the second floor dining room. Following discussion, the Commission approved the proposed acquisition of the work.
6. On behalf of the Building Use Committee, Mr. Simpson led a discussion of a draft guideline on building use that was circulated prior to the meeting. The Commission’s discussion focused on the following issues: (a) the use of the Ohio Judicial Center to date; (b) Supreme Court staffing requirements associated with building use, especially related to use outside normal business hours; (c) the philosophies of open use versus placing some restrictions on public use; (d) the need to recommend an amendment to the Ohio Judicial Center regulations to allow for greater use than now permitted; and (e) the concepts of allowing use of the building by a broader range of organizations but for one or more limited and specific purposes. Mr. Simpson encouraged Commission members to submit additional thoughts to him following the meeting and indicated the committee would prepare a revised guideline for discussion at the next Commission meeting.
  7. Mr. Ball reported that the OJC Trust Committee has met by telephone conference and received an offer from Mr. Readler to have the law firm of Jones, Day prepare, on a pro bono basis, the documents necessary to establish the OJC trust. Mr. Ball further noted that the committee was reviewing documents prepared by Mr. Readler’s firm and would have a more detailed report at the next Commission meeting.
  8. The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  9. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Dove  
Secretary