



**Broadcast Educational Media Commission Meeting Minutes
2470 North Star Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43221
April 9, 2015**

I. Opening

10:01 a.m.; Commission Chair Mark Filippell opened the Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC) meeting.

II. Roll Call

10:01 a.m.; Coordinator Sue Price conducted roll call.

Members Present: Chairman Mark Filippell; Commissioner Stephen Black; Commissioner Stephen Freeze; Commissioner Christine Merritt; Commissioner Jan Osborn, Designee Charles See; Commissioner Michael Stinziano; and Commissioner Curt Steiner.

Members Absent: Commissioner Ronald Amstutz; Commissioner Bruce Hawkins; Commissioner Cliff Hite; Commissioner John McClelland; Superintendent Richard Ross; Commissioner George Sarantou; and Commissioner Michael Skindell.

Also present: Interim Executive Director W. David Johnson; Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Bondurant; Chief Engineer Craig Stevenson; Chief Information Officer Laura Bryson; Coordinator Sue Price; and interested citizens.

Mrs. Price declared a quorum present.

III. Resolution 15-46: Acceptance of February 11, 2105 Minutes

10:03 a.m.; Dr. Osborn moved and Ms. Merritt seconded to accept amended minutes of the February 11, 2015 Commission Meeting.

AYES: Mr. Filippell; Mr. Black; Mr. Freeze; Ms. Merritt; Dr. Osborn, Mr. See; Mr. Stinziano; and Mr. Steiner.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. Director's Report

Modernization Project Update:

Interim Executive Director W. David Johnson opened his Director's Report with a Modernization Project slide presentation, during which the floor was open for questions from Commissioners.

(Mr. Stinziano left at 10:52 a.m.)

Subsequently, Chief Engineer Craig Stephenson presented a Technical Overview slide presentation, also open for questions from Commissioners. Electronic copies of the presentations are available upon request by sending an email to: sue.price@broadcast.ohio.gov.

Resolution 15-47:

11:17 a.m.; Dr. Osborn moved and Mr. Steiner seconded to authorize the Broadcast Educational Media Commission to submit a request to the Controlling Board for release of funds to contract with HA Design Group; and to execute an agreement with HA Design Group for proceeding with the modernization project in accordance with their quotation.

AYES: Mr. Filippell; Mr. Black; Mr. Freeze; Ms. Merritt; Dr. Osborn, Mr. See; and Mr. Steiner.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Budget Update:

Mr. Johnson reviewed in detail a list of proposed procurement items included in the meeting handouts, explaining the approximate six-month, second-bid process delayed planned purchases for enhancement of the modernization project until the fourth quarter, as the modernization project bid drives specifying compatible equipment. The majority of proposed purchases relate to the modernization project enhancement.

Resolution 15-48:

11:36 a.m.; Dr. Osborn moved and Ms. Merritt seconded to authorize the Broadcast Educational Media Commission to proceed with Controlling Board requests and procurement of estimated \$778,877.34 fourth quarter purchases.

AYES: Mr. Filippell; Mr. Black; Mr. Freeze; Ms. Merritt; Dr. Osborn, Mr. See; and Mr. Steiner.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Video Conferencing Update:

Chief Information Officer Laura Bryson reported most of the funds approved last year purchased ports for expansion of capacity for educational video conferencing, most of which are instructional conferences. BEMC has not, as yet, experienced a significant increase in usage, but many school districts have only just acquired their equipment, and it takes a while for start-up and implementation. While BEMC does not foresee a need to increase port capacity at this time, we will continue to evaluate utilization of video conferencing services.

Generator Fuel Tank Update:

Mr. Johnson reported the larger fuel tank has been installed and this project is complete.

Building Lease Update:

Mr. Johnson reported The Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services have agreed to proceeding with a Memorandum of Understanding. We hope to present the new lease for approval at the June 4, 2015 Commission Meeting.

HR Update:

Mr. Johnson introduced Tony Miller to the Commission. As BEMC's newest employee, Mr. Miller will be working as a Traffic/Broadcast Technician.

V. Resolution FY15-49: Go Into Executive Session

11:54 a.m.; as proposed by Chair Filippell, Mr. Freeze moved and Mr. Black seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and a personnel matter.

AYES: Mr. Filippell; Mr. Black; Mr. Freeze; Ms. Merritt; Dr. Osborn, Mr. See; and Mr. Steiner.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

(No report on Executive Session.)

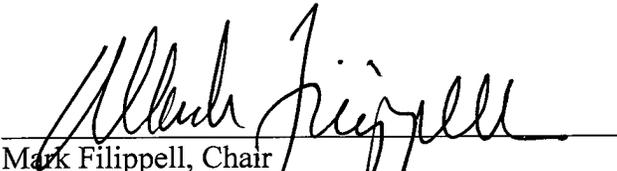
VI. Resolution FY15-50: Adjournment

12:20 p.m.; Mr. Black moved and Mr. Freeze seconded to close the meeting.

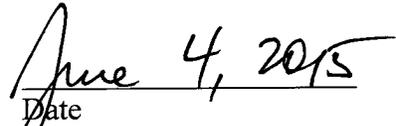
AYES: Mr. Filippell; Mr. Black; Mr. Freeze; Ms. Merritt; Dr. Osborn, Mr. See; and Mr. Steiner.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None



Mark Filippell, Chair
Broadcast Educational Media Commission



Date