

# Constitutional Revision Commission

## Minutes

August 31, 2011

The organizational meeting of the Alabama Constitutional Revision Commission was held Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the old Archives Room in the State Capitol, Montgomery Alabama.

Senator Del Marsh, President Pro-Tem of the Senate and sponsor of SJR-82, which created the Commission, called the meeting to order. After making initial remarks, Senator Marsh asked each member of the Commission to introduce themselves.

The following members were present: Governor Robert Bentley, Governor Albert Brewer, Speaker Mike Hubbard, President Pro-Tem Del Marsh, Greg Butrus, Vicki Drummond, Becky Gerritson, Matt Lembke, Carolyn McKinstry, Jim Pratt, Representative Patricia Todd, Senator Ben Brooks, Representative Paul DeMarco, Senator Bryan Taylor, and Representative Randy Davis. Absent from the meeting was John Anzalone.

After further remarks, Senator Marsh noted that the Alabama Law Institute had been asked to serve as draftsman and staff to the Commission. Director Bob McCurley was recognized to give a background of the Alabama Constitution and the modern day code revision efforts. McCurley introduced Professor Howard Walthall and Birmingham lawyer Mike Waters who have been involved in constitutional reform for over thirty years and will serve with Bob McCurley to draft recommendations to the Commission.

Each member of the Commission was given the following:

1. History of Alabama Constitutional Reform
2. Report of the Constitutional Commission, 1973
3. The Proposed 1979 Constitution Revision
4. The Constitution of Alabama of 1901- Official Recompilation

The Commission elected Governor Albert Brewer as chair and Representative Paul DeMarco as vice-chair of the Commission.

The following meeting dates were determined:

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 - 1:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 - 1:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - 1:15 to 4:00 p.m.

The meeting place for each meeting will be in Montgomery at either the State House or the Capitol. The location will be announced.

The agenda for the September 21, 2011 meeting will be a review of:

Article XII - Private Corporations

Article XIII - Banking

(Articles XII and XIII were passed by the House of Representatives in 2011)

Article III - Distribution of Powers

At the end of each meeting, there will be a review of the next article and major issues to be addressed at the following meeting.

The committee members will receive the drafting committee's recommendation for the articles to be discussed at least one week before each meeting.

There being no further business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bob McCurley, Director