

MINUTES of PHMC SPECIAL MEETING of November 18, 2011

The PHMC convened a special meeting, after appropriate announcement of the same under the Sunshine Act, at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Commission members in attendance were PHMC Chair Andrew Masich, John Barbour, Susan Corbett, Senator Jim Ferlo, Bill Lewis, Representative Rob Matzie, Ann Moran, Craige Pepper, Representative Scott Petri, Fred Powell, Richard Sand, and Katie Eckhart for Senator Joseph Scarnati. PHMC legal counsel, Andrea Bowman, as well as Office of Administration Human Resources employee Rebecca Doane and the Chief of Staff for the First Lady, Karen Gunnison, were also in attendance. No other persons were present at the meeting or participated by conference call.

The Commission then went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, which lasted until approximately 9:40, after which the public session resumed.

The Chair entertained a motion from Commissioner Barbour, seconded by Senator Ferlo, to accept the resignation of Executive Director Barbara Franco, effective immediately. The vote was unanimously affirmative and the motion was carried.

A motion was then made by Ann Moran, seconded by Representative Scott Petri, to hire James Vaughn as Executive Director, with the appointment to be effective as of November 28, 2011 and with a salary of \$127,473, dependent on approval from the Governor, pursuant to the History Code. Two commissioners, Senator Jim Ferlo and Fred Powell, abstained and the rest voted in the affirmative. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Senator Jim Ferlo, seconded by Commissioner Fred Powell, to appoint PHMC counsel, Andrea Bowman, as acting interim Executive Director, pending installation of James Vaughn as Executive Director on November 28, 2011.

There was discussion about communication of these staff changes, within PHMC and to the public. Chair Masich also noted the upcoming strategic planning retreat, scheduled for December 19, 2011 and encouraged the Commissioners to travel to as many PHMC historic sites as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.