

**WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009**

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)  
Chris Fletcher, Member  
Brian Jones, Member  
Emmett S. Pugh III, Member (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

The following members were absent:

Edwin Bowman, Member  
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member  
Jim Morgan, Member

Others present:

Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emmett Pugh. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Fletcher to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Jones and unanimously carried.

### Chair's Report

The chairman did not give a formal report.

### Old Business

No old business was discussed.

### New Business

The Board received and reviewed correspondence from the Harrison County Commission dated March 3, 2009. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jon Amores that a reply to the Harrison County Commission convey the following: 1) the Board will not speculate upon the intent of the West Virginia Legislature as regards home rule; 2) the Board will not give legal opinions on home rule projects; 3) the members issue an invitation to the Harrison County Commission to meet with them at a future meeting; and, 4) reiterate the Board's desire for Bridgeport, Clarksburg and the Harrison County Commission to work together resolving related matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Jones and unanimously carried.

Lastly, it was noted that several of the home rule cities have expressed an interest in amending their current home rule plans and that these cities have been advised to follow the steps of their original home rule submission.

### Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jon Amores to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

The Board was reminded that the next meeting was slated to be held on Thursday, May 21 in Morgantown.