

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

A meeting/teleconference of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at the State Capitol in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Joshua Jarrell (designee for Development Office Executive Director Keith Burdette)
Patsy Trecost II (designee for the Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin)

The following members participated by teleconference:

Chris Fletcher, Member
Brian Jones, Member
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member

The following members were absent:

Jim Morgan, Member
Herb Snyder, Member

Others present by teleconference:

Paul Ellis, City of Charleston
Brandi Jacobs Jones, City of Huntington

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 24, 2013, meeting. A correction concerning the actual location of the meeting was noted by Member Joshua Jarrell. The motion was amended to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Chris Fletcher abstained from voting.

Chair's Report

Chair Trecoast did not furnish a report.

Old Business

Following a general discussion concerning the application process, imposed deadlines, etc., the membership quickly reviewed and recommended a few additional changes to the draft Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program Phase II Application, Application Guidelines, and Application Checklist. Subsequently, a motion was made to accept the draft documents as amended for the application process. It was noted that the documents will be posted to the West Virginia Municipal League's website for easy access by the municipalities. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

In addition, a motion was made by Kin Sayre requesting that the West Virginia Municipal League share with their membership a news release announcing that Home Rule applications may be submitted to the Home Rule Board beginning January 1, 2014, but must be received no later than June 1, 2014. The subject release will be prepared by Development Office staff for the Municipal League and will also be sent to all West Virginia media by September 1. A similar release will also be transmitted on December 1. The motion was seconded by Chris Fletcher and unanimously carried.

New Business

The final topic of discussion dealt with the current four participating home rule cities. As a result, a motion was made by Kin Sayre authorizing Chair Trecoast to correspond with these cities regarding the municipal business and occupation tax sanction, the fire arm restriction, and their "opt out" of the program preference. The motion was seconded by Joshua Jarrell and unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Members agreed that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held in early December via teleconference. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.