The Commission met in Room 383, The Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, at 8:30 a.m., Kay C. James, Chair, presiding.

PRESENT:

KAY C. JAMES               Chair
WILLIAM A. BIBLE           Commissioner
JAMES C. DOBSON, PH.D.     Commissioner
RICHARD C. LEONE, PH.D.    Commissioner
J. TERRENCE LANNI          Commissioner
ROBERT W. LOESCHER         Commissioner
LEO T. MCCARTHY            Commissioner
PAUL HAROLD MOORE, M.D.    Commissioner
JOHN W. WILHELM            Commissioner
TIMOTHY A. KELLY, PH.D.    Executive Director
JOHN E. SHOSKY, PH.D.      Senior Report Writer
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CHAIR JAMES: Good morning. We certainly have a quorum here. We have all but one commissioner, and I understand he will be joining us.

I would just like to begin by saying to our commissioners and to our staff, it’s been a fun time since our last time together. We have been extremely busy. I want to publicly thank the various commissioners who have dedicated huge chunks of their time to editing, and drafting, and working on language. The process is still very much underway.

I hope that commissioners received the timeline; it went out on Friday. So if you did not get a chance to check your mailboxes, maybe we could have extra copies of that. It may answer a couple of questions in terms of how do we get from where we need to be from where we are right now.

I especially want to thank Commissioner Leone for helping us to organize our materials, and suggesting a structure for us to work within. He and Commissioner Bible, and others, have been very others as we’ve worked through that process.

With that in mind, I’m going to turn to our chief writer on our project, Dr. Shosky, and ask him to begin by maybe talking a little bit about where we are in the process, and John then begin on the opening.

The format is going to be very much as it has been for our last two meetings. We will work through various sections, and the staff will be anxious to hear our discussion to help guide them in the drafting process.

COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman?

CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Loescher?

COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: My understanding then is that the agenda is the agenda as it’s laid out here, is that correct?
CHAIR JAMES: Yes, that’s correct.

COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, I have a couple requests for you to consider. One is that I don’t see a Native American section on the agenda. It was my hope that we could have a discussion at some point about where we are in that process.

CHAIR JAMES: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Additionally, I’d like to reserve the opportunity for executive close session at some point, if there need be.

CHAIR JAMES: If we do need that, I would suggest we do that tomorrow, and we will make sure that we do the best we can to notify it appropriately if we have to go into that kind of session.

COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Thank you very much.