



# Common Sense Initiative

**Mike DeWine**, Governor  
**Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor

**Carrie Kuruc**, Director

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## **Small Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

Karine Hray, Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Director of Business Advocacy, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Hray went on to welcome the new and continuing members.

Members present:

- Greg Simpson
- Thomas Demaline
- Carvel Simmons
- Tyeis Baker-Baumann
- William Bishop
- Doug Barry

The members introduced themselves and gave brief accounts of their professional careers and their goals for their involvement in the Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC). Mrs. Hray then gave brief introductions of the members that were not present and an overview of the meeting agenda.

CSI staff and additional Lt. Governor staff introduced themselves and their roles with the office. CSI Director Carrie Kuruc and Mrs. Hray gave a more specific overview of the duties of the staff members and how they would interact with the SBAC.

Mrs. Hray then began a brief discussion regarding scheduling for future Council meetings. Individual members contributed details of their personal schedules, and as a group decided to meet on June 20<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Lt. Governor Husted provided the members with an update on the current and past regulatory climate in the State of Ohio, and the goals and duties of the Council and the Common Sense Initiative Office.

Lt. Governor Husted gave an update on the current status of CSI and the backlog of unreviewed rules that he discovered upon taking office. He noted that the CSI staff was making good progress reviewing and clearing the backlog. He expressed his desire to create a culture in CSI and rulemaking agencies that would not allow for, or accept, any future backlog. The Lt. Governor then took questions from council members.

Council Member Demaline spoke regarding past successes with CSI. Lt. Governor Husted shared a personal account of regulations related to hunting licensure in Ohio. Council Member Simpson asked a question regarding how Ohio will work with other states and the federal Government to reduce hurdles for businesses that work across state lines. Council Member Simmons followed with a similar question regarding the uniformity in the traffic ticketing process across states and its regulatory burdens on the trucking industry.

Council Member Bishop expressed support of technological updates in the regulatory process and questioned how to enhance communication between agencies to ease the burden on companies and consumers. Council Member Barry expressed concern with the communication between businesses and the Bureau of Workers Compensation.

Following that conversation with the Lt. Governor, his Chief of Staff, Avi Zaffini, gave a brief overview of the Lt. Governor's office, its work, and the goals of its initiatives. The overview included details of the Common Sense Initiative, InnovateOhio, and the Office of Workforce Transformation. A question and answer period followed. Council Member Barry asked if there were any efforts by the state to incentivize employers to hire those recovering from opioid addiction. Council Member Simmons asked a question regarding the recently passed transportation budget. Council Member Demaline asked for the administration's viewpoint on the Lake Erie algae bloom issue. Lastly, Council Member Bishop expressed concern over unemployment funding. Mr. Zaffini said the Lt. Governor's staff would ensure that each of the council members who asked a question were put in touch with agency personnel who could address their questions.

CSI Director Carrie Kuruc called a break at 11:09 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Ms. Kuruc gave a presentation that included a brief history of the CSI Office, an overview of the CSI office's rule review process, and other duties of the Initiative. Following that overview, Ms. Kuruc reminded council members of Ohio ethics laws and provided contact information for the Ohio Ethics Commission in the event council members had questions.

To close the meeting, the council members discussed ways to increase communication and marketing opportunities CSI provides for public engagement in the regulatory process.

Ms. Kuruc closed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.