

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
December 10, 2012
State Capitol Building - Old Judiciary Room

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, Barry Williams

Members Not Present: William Morgan, John Ruffalo, Walter W. Woodward

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

- ◆ John Canning presented a lecture regarding the Capitol restoration project. A video of the event can be found at <http://ct-n.com/ondemand.asp?ID=8480>.
- ◆ The September 24, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
 - House voting boards - Eric Connery reported the restoration of the paneling and stenciling work has been completed by John Canning & Co.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
 - Green Capitols - The elements of the Green Capitol Project continue to function well. Requests for information and tours indicate that the public and private sectors have an interest in these technologies.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
 - Eric distributed an updated checklist. Some discretionary funding was removed from the budget. The stained glass work will be completed if a bond request is approved. Otherwise, the glass will be removed and stored until funding becomes available.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:*
 - Eric Connery reported that the approximate cost of placing the Genius on the dome is now \$450,000. Sen. Crisco asked if we could research the possibility of accepting private donations. Bob Harris offered to investigate.
 - Eric stated that all other projects continue to remain on hold with the exception of the office lights. This project will not move forward at all unless new workable technology arises.
- ◆ *Old Business:*
 - Eric Connery will follow up on the possible memorial for Gerry Caughman.
- ◆ *New Business:*
 - Dr. Matthew Warshauer presented a proposal for the Commission to consider accepting the Forlorn Soldier statue and placing it inside the State Capitol building, stressing the importance of the building to Civil War history. The project would include a conservation effort that would take approximately two months. The State would not incur any costs. Senator Crisco made a motion for the Commission to accept the statue and find it a suitable location. Lorraine Guilmartin seconded the motion. Sen. Crisco,

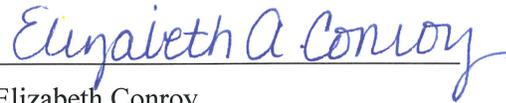
Bob Harris, Benny Auger, Commissioner DeFronzo and Lorraine Guilmartin voted to approve the motion. Sally Martin and Rep. Altobello voted no.

- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested an early to mid-March date for the next quarterly Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy