

1 **CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION MEETING**

2 **SUMMARY**

3 **November 20, 2008**

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7 **Attending:** Jane Aiudi; Sen. Bruce Bryant; Malcolm Burson; Carla Dickstein; Elsie
8 Flemings; John Palmer; Rep. John Patrick; Cynthia Phinney; Rep. Margaret Rotundo; Rep.
9 Sharon Treat; Paul Volckhausen; Sarah Bigney; Rep. Jeffrey Gifford;

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12 Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Transportation Committee Room, Augusta, ME.

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14 Rep. Rotundo advised that she has to leave to attend Appropriation meeting and Rep. Patrick will
15 chair the meeting.

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17 Introductions were made. Malcolm Burson congratulated Elsie Flemings on her recent election.

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19 Discussion followed regarding the September 19th Regional meeting. Peter Riggs reviewed the
20 IGPAC letters drafted by Robin Lunge addressed to Kay Wilkie and Joe Hackney (copy
21 attached) regarding People's Republic of China's communications to Vermont and Maryland
22 about proposed legislation on lead in toys and electronic waste.

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24 As there were not enough members present, the Commission would wait for Rep. Rotundo's
25 return from her meeting to hold a quorum vote. Rep. Patrick advised that he would have the
26 letters signed and sent as he did not believe the commission needed to vote on it since the policy
27 contained within the letter was already approved at an earlier meeting.

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29 Discussion also transpired regarding a letter to Ambassador Susan Schwab. Peter Riggs
30 commented on a couple of changes to the letter.

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32 The Commission's 2009 assessment agenda item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

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34 Rep Treat gave an update on the lack of support and information from federal counterparts and
35 NCSL.

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37 Public Hearing – December 4th.

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39 Rep. Patrick asked members to let Linda know whether they can attend, car pool, etc. Hearing to
40 include possible radio ads, newspaper ads. Check to see if Cong. Michaud's office can give an
41 overview of the bill, possibly attend or have a staff member attend.

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43 Rep. Patrick will contact the house and senate majority offices to have a blurb sent to local reps
44 to see if they will attend.

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46 Commission Strategies for 2009

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48 Rep. Patrick advised that they will have to look at the house and senate chairs new roles.

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50 Malcolm Bursom reminded members of a former discussion of holding a meeting at an outlying
51 facility to discuss the direction of the commission, structure, etc. Rep. Patrick agreed that this

52 was an excellent idea. Discussion followed on when such a meeting could be held, possibly
53 January sometime.

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55 Rep. Treat discussed the northern Maine orientation for legislators and the possibility tagging
56 onto it since representatives will already be present. Lengthy discussion followed regarding
57 holding a meeting off site and not part of a regular meeting.

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59 Different dates were suggested but would not work due to conflicts. Suggestion made by Rep.
60 Patrick to fill vacancies and then hold an off site meeting.

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62 Membership Vacancies:

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64 Rep. Patrick asked for an updated membership list. Natalie Haynes offered to email the
65 membership list and vacancies. Appointments should be made as soon as possible.

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67 Subcommittee Structure:

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69 Tabled to January meeting.

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71 Dr. Weiss Sentiment:

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73 Suggestion made to have Dr. Weiss's daughter attend the public hearing and do it then.

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75 Rep. Rotundo returned. Vote was held on IGPAC letter. Rep. Patrick entered a motion for the
76 commission to accept. Seconded by Rep. Treat. Vote, unanimous.

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78 Letter to Ambassador Schwab to include a note of thanks. Motion made by Rep. Patrick to
79 accept. Sen. Bryant seconded. Vote, unanimous.

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81 Next Meeting:

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83 Rep. Patrick suggested holding meetings the third Friday of each month. Discussion followed of
84 conflicts of dates etc. It was determined to hold meetings the third Friday of each month unless
85 otherwise changed.

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87 Meeting adjourned at 11:45.