2013 Ohio Outlook

Cleveland Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

November 15, 2012
2012 Legislative Recap

- Pension Reform
- MBR Process
- Cleveland Education Reform
PERS Reform – SB 243

- **No** additional employer or employee contribution
- Final average salary – 3 to 5 yrs
- COLA – lower of 3% or CPI beginning in 2019 for those retiring after this year
- PERS Board has more health care flexibility
- Minimum salary eligibility from $250 → $600/month
MBR Process (3 Main Bills)

- **H.B. 487 – Main MBR - Government Reform and Healthcare**
  - 2,700-page bill that touched on nearly every agency in state government

- **S.B. 315 – Energy and Environmental Policy**
  - Shaped Ohio's shale gas industry while updating other areas the state's energy policy

- **S.B. 316 – Education Policy**
  - Addressed reading requirements for third-graders; modified school accountability requirements; established workforce policy requirements
Additional MBR Bills

- H.B. 509 - Local Government Changes
  - Addressed issues including health insurance pools, bidding processes, and sharing/collaboration of services

- H.B. 508 - General Tax Law Changes

- H.B. 490 - Veterans Services

- H.B. 510 - Financial Institutions Tax (Still Pending and Expected to Pass)
Cleveland Education Reform

• H.B. 525 (Cleveland Schools Plan)
  ➢ Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson
  ➢ Coalition of the Cleveland Business Community
  ➢ The bi-partisan legislation passed the House 78-16 and the Senate 27-4
2012 Levy Issues

• Library Levies
  ➢ 100% Passed –(14 library property tax & 1 bond issue)
  ➢ Dayton Metro Libraries, Guernsey County, Grandview Heights, Wright Memorial Library in Oakwood, Champaign County, Huron Public, Mansfield-Richland County Public, Pataskala Public, Ridgemont Public, Ritter Public, Stark County District, St. Paris Public, Toledo-Lucas County Public, Wadsworth Public and Wayne County Public Library

• School Tax Issues
  ➢ 55% Passed –(105 of 192 levies)
Lame Duck Session

- November – December 2012
- Varied/fluid agenda
- Possible Legislative Items
  - Severance Tax Legislation
  - Elections Reform
  - Ethics Reform
  - H.B. 555 - Changes to laws affecting school report cards
  - H.B. 510 - Financial Institutions Tax
  - H.B. 360 - Wireless 9-1-1 Charges
  - S.B. 301 – Pill Mills
  - H.B. 414 – Cyber Stalking
2013 State Overview

- 130th General Assembly
- Budget
- Tax Policy
130th General Assembly

- Republicans maintain majority
  - 23-10 in the Senate
  - 59-40 in the House (pending)
- House leadership stability
- New Senate President – Keith Faber
- Finance chairs
2013-14 Biennial Budget

• Introduced early February
• Passed by June 30, 2013
• Major issues
  ➢ Tax policy
    1) reduction in state income tax
    2) municipal income tax uniformity
    3) tax reform
  ➢ Health Care/Medicaid expansion
  ➢ Energy/Environmental Policy
State Budget/Revenue

- FY 2013 Revenue exceed estimates by 1.2%
- Exceeds 9.6% increase compared to this time last year
- Nearly $500 million in “rainy day” fund
Political Context

• All 5 Statewide Offices Up in 2014
  ➢ Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, Treasurer

• Legislative Races 2014
  ➢ All 99 House Seats
  ➢ 16 of 33 Senate Seats

• Speaker Race 2014
  ➢ Members will begin to leverage for top post

• 2016 Presidential/Ohio Candidates
Advocacy Action Steps

1. Coordination with OLC
2. Continue to refine collaboration talking points/message
3. Identify local legislative targets based on committee assignments
4. Strategic outreach to key members outside region based on both CleveNet and Library for the blind