

Compensation Council  
Monday, February 18, 2013

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Fraser, Chair  
Rep. Mike Benson  
Sen. Richard Cohen  
Bob Hoffman  
Rep. Mary Liz Holberg  
Sen. Jeremy Miller  
Ann Mulholland  
Susan Rani  
Sen. Ann Rest  
Khani Sahebjam  
Bob Schroeder  
Michael Scully  
Daniel Wenner

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rep. Susan Allen  
Ann Glumac  
Jefferson Johnston

Convener Tom Fraser called the Compensation Council meeting to order at 5:39 pm in Room 10 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Mr. Fraser opened up nominations for the position of council chair. Bob Schroeder nominated Tom Fraser. Seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and Mr. Fraser was elected chair.

Sally Olson, Legislative Coordinating Commission, reviewed administrative matters regarding reimbursement forms for council members.

Mark Shepard, House Research, reviewed the open meeting law and its impact on the Compensation Council.

Stephanie James, Senate Counsel and Research, gave an overview of the duties of the Compensation Council.

Helen Roberts, House Fiscal Analysis, commented on the budget target setting process for the legislature.

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission, reviewed a spreadsheet showing the salary history of constitutional officers, judges, and legislators.

Stephanie James gave an overview of total compensation packages for constitutional officers, judges, and legislators.

Mark Shepard gave an overview of the process for establishing agency head salaries.

Greg Hubinger reviewed a spreadsheet showing the salary history of agency heads.

Mark Shepard reviewed a memo explaining how various public officials' salaries are affected by salaries within the jurisdiction of the Compensation Council.

Jim Schowalter, Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, testified before the Council.

Jim Lee, Compensation Policy Advisor for Minnesota Management and Budget, presented an overview of the State Agency Head Salaries and Salary Administration Provisions report.

Judge John Smith, Minnesota District Judges Association, testified on judicial salaries.

Chief Judge Matt Johnson, Minnesota Court of Appeals, testified on judicial salaries.

Dr. Karine Moe, F.R. Bigelow Professor of Economics, Chair, Department of Economics, Macalester College, presented an overview of the Minnesota Judicial State Court Salary Analysis report.

Judge Gregg Johnson, spoke to the judicial pension fund as it relates to the judicial salary request.

Council members discussed future meeting times. Meetings were scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013 at 5:30 pm, Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm, and Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.