

Compensation Council
March 8, 2019
9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

David Asp
Thomas Berg
MaryLynn Dahlquist
Joy DeMarais-Lanz
Thomas Evenson
James Fox
Peter Gregory
Robert Meyerson
Gail Olson
James Robins
James Wenzler
Jennifer Zielinski

Excused:

Annie Deckert
Jessica Macias
Aalok Sharma
Keith Swanson

Convener, Thomas Berg, called the Compensation Council meeting to order at 9:02 AM in Room 200 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Introduction of members

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Thomas Berg opened up nominations for the positions of council chair and vice chair.

Bob Meyerson nominated Thomas Berg for the position of chair. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Bob Meyerson nominated James Wenzler for the position of vice chair. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Administrative matters

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

Open Meeting Law & Data Practices Act

Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Director, Community Services Division, Department of Administration, presented an overview of the Government Data Practices Act speaking to what is considered government data and the classification of government data. Additionally, she presented on the Open Meeting law speaking to when the law applies.

Adopt Policies

Greg Hubinger, Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission, presented the proposed Compensation Council Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public and the proposed Compensation Council Data Practices Policy for Data Subjects.

James Wenzler moved to adopt the Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Gail Olson moved to adopt the Data Practices Policy for Data Subjects. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Duties of the Compensation Council

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

Testimony

Richard Allyn, Former Chief Deputy Attorney General, provided testimony on the compensation of the Minnesota Attorney General.

Chair Berg called a recess at 10:30 AM.

Chair Berg call the meeting back to order at 10:41 AM.

John Hoffman, Vice President of the Minnesota District Judge's Association (MDJA), presented a general overview of the MDJA and spoke to judges' compensation.

Dr. Kristine West, Assistant Professor of Economics, St. Catherine's University, and Elizabeth Kula, St. Catherine's University, presented an overview of an analysis they conducted on Minnesota judicial salaries titled "Minnesota Judicial State Court Salaries".

Nancy Haas, Messerli & Kraemer and MDJA, addressed Council member questions.

Jonathan Jasper, Chair of MDJA Pensions and Benefits Committee, provided testimony on the compensation of judges.

Disposition of 2017 Recommendations

Greg Hubinger presented an overview of the outcomes of the Compensation Council's 2017 recommendations.

Salaries for Constitutional Officers, and Judges

Greg Hubinger Commission presented a spreadsheet containing historical data related to salaries of constitutional officers.

Next Steps

Members discussed additional possible testimony as well as data that may be needed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.