



Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government

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MEMBERS

Representative Mark Buesgens
Representative Mary Liz Holberg
Representative Frank Hornstein
Representative Sandra Masin
Representative Neil Peterson
Representative Sandra Peterson
Representative Bev Scalze

Senator Terri Bonoff
Senator Scott Dibble
Senator John Doll
Senator Leo Foley
Senator Chris Gerlach
Senator Warren Limmer
Senator Geoff Michel

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Greg Hubinger called the meeting to order at 9:08am, on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Administrator noted the roll.

Members present:

Rep. Hornstein
Rep. Holberg
Rep. Buesgens
Rep. Peterson, N.
Rep. Scalze
Rep. Peterson, S.
Rep. Hausman
Sen. Dibble
Sen. Michel

Members absent:

Rep. Masin
Sen. Bonoff
Sen. Doll
Sen. Foley
Sen. Gerlach
Sen. Limmer

II. ISSUES IN METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE

Rep. Hornstein assumed the gavel and invited Aaron Isaacs, former Metro Transit employee, and John DeWitt, both from Minneapolis, to testify. The testimony related to the relationship between Metro Transit and the Suburban opt-out groups. Rep. Hausman made some concluding remarks to their testimony and described legislation she would introduce to address the topic.

Committee discussion followed.

Peter Bell, Met Council Chair, came to the table to address the committee. He requested to give rebuttal to the previous testifiers at a later date to the commission.

III. TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Arlene McCarthy, Met Council, gave an overview on the Transit Master Corridor Study.

Committee discussion followed.

A quorum was present.

The committee recessed to caucus on the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

IV. ELECTION OF LCMG CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Rep. Buesgens made a motion to take one vote for Chair and Vice Chair together and nominated Rep. Hornstein for Chair for 2008 and Sen. Dibble for Vice-Chair for 2008.

The motion prevailed. Rep. Hornstein called for a vote. Rep. Hornstein and Sen. Dibble were unanimously elected.

V. OVERVIEW OF MET COUNCIL BUDGET

Beth Windstrom-Anderson, Chief Financial Officer of Met Council, gave an overview on the Met Council Operating Budget and capitol Improvement Plan for 2008.

Committee discussion followed.

Judd Schetnan gave some concluding remarks to the Committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hornstein adjourned the meeting at 11:18am.