

Legislative Salary Council
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
1:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Stinson, Chair
Patrice Hannan, Vice Chair
Joseph Boyle
Diana Burlison
William Donohue
Gregory Fox
James Joy
Charles McElroy
Dr. David Metzen
Gloria Myre
Deborah Olson
Sherrie Pugh
Randy Twistol
Marsha VanDenburgh
Kenneth Wilmes
Laura Witty

Convener Dr. Tom Stinson called the Legislative Salary Council meeting to order at 1:35 PM in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Veteran Services Building. A quorum was present.

Adopt Agenda

Marsha VanDenburgh moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Introduction of members

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Election of chair, vice chair

Dr. Stinson opened up nominations for the positions of council chair and vice chair.

Joseph Boyle nominated Dr. Tom Stinson for the position of council chair. Seconded.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Deborah Olson nominated Patrice Hannan for the position of council 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

Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Information Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Administration, presented an overview of the Government Data Practices Act speaking to what is considered government data, the classification of government data and the application of data practices.

Stacie Christensen, Information Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Administration, presented an overview of the Open Meeting law speaking to when the law applies, types of meetings covered by the law, types of meetings not covered by the law, special considerations including e-mail and serial meetings, and closed meetings.

Summary of Constitutional and Statutory provisions

Ben Weeks, Legislative Analyst, House Research, presented an overview of the constitutional and statutory provisions relating to the Legislative Salary Council. Mr. Weeks spoke to the requirement that the council communicate salary recommendations in the form of a report, the requirement that the council prescribe legislative salaries, and the requirement that council members must not communicate with current Legislators between the first council meeting and the submission of the report.

Dr. David Metzen moved that a council member self-report to the chair and the vice chair if that member has a substantive communication relative to the work of the council with a member of the legislature. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Greg Hubinger, Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission, presented a handout titled "Compensation of Minnesota Legislators, 1872 – present" and spoke to the history of legislative salaries and per diem compensation.

Cal Ludeman, Secretary of the Minnesota Senate, addressed council member questions related to Senate members per diem.

Greg Hubinger presented an overview of a handout titled "Minnesota Legislators Per diem and other compensation" speaking to per diem, insurance, retirement and reimbursable expenses.

Dr. Stinson presented background data on Minnesota Legislative Salaries speaking to data related to: salary history, salaries and per diems in neighboring states, salaries and per diems in hybrid states, and salaries and per diems in competitive states.

Public Testimony

The following people provided testimony:

- Steve Curry, Edina

Next Meeting

Council members discussed future meeting times. It was determined the next meeting would be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.