

Legislative Salary Council  
Friday, February 10 2017  
9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sherrie Pugh

Dr. Tom Stinson, Chair, called the Legislative Salary Council meeting to order at 9:01 AM in Room 230 of the Judicial Center. A quorum was present.

**Adopt Agenda**

Randy Twistol moved approval of the agenda. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes – Chair Stinson, Patrice Hannan, Joseph Boyle, Diana Burlison, Gregory Fox, James Joy, Charles McElroy, Dr. David Metzen, Gloria Myre, Deborah Olson, Randy Twistol, Marsha VanDenburgh, Kenneth Wilmes and Laura Witty

There being 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Adopt Minutes**

Deborah Olson moved approval of the minutes. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes – Chair Stinson, Patrice Hannan, Joseph Boyle, Diana Burlison, William Donahue, Gregory Fox, James Joy, Charles McElroy, Dr. David Metzen, Gloria Myre, Deborah Olson, Randy Twistol, Marsha VanDenburgh, Kenneth Wilmes and Laura Witty

There being 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Testimony from Former Legislators**

David Hann, former Minority Leader of the Minnesota Senate, presented on legislative salaries speaking to legislative per diems, the part-time status of the Minnesota legislature, and the time demand on legislators both during session and interim.

Roger Moe, former Majority Leader of the Minnesota Senate, presented on legislative salaries speaking to compensation related to geographic distance, the amount of time a dedicated to legislative duties outside of the legislative session, and the impact of the salary on recruitment of candidates and on the decision to leave legislative service.

Gene Merriam, former Member of the Minnesota Senate, presented on legislative salaries speaking to its impact on the pool of candidates that serve and the time demand on legislators in leadership positions.

Mary Liz Holberg, former Member of the Minnesota House, presented on legislative salaries speaking to legislative per diems, the time demand on legislators both during session and during interim, and the compensation of legislative leadership.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, former Speaker of the Minnesota House, presented on legislative salaries speaking to the part-time status of the Minnesota Legislature, the impact of the salary on recruitment of candidates, the impact of the salary on the decision to leave legislative service, legislative per diems, and the challenges legislators face with outside employment while serving in the legislature.

**League of Women Voters**

Carol Fisch, Past President of the League of Women Voters, presented on the role the salary plays in attracting candidates to serve in the legislature.

Chair Stinson called a recess at 11:17 AM.

Chair Stinson called the meeting back to order at 11:29 AM. A quorum was present.

**Salary Setting Practices**

Jim Lee, former State Compensation Manager at Minnesota Management and Budget, presented an overview of basic salary setting practices.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.