

Legislative Salary Council
Friday, March 3, 2017
9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Patrice Hannan, Vice Chair
James Joy

Dr. Tom Stinson, Chair, called the Legislative Salary Council meeting to order at 9:02 AM in Room G-6 of the Judicial Center. A quorum was present.

Adopt Agenda

Deborah Olson moved approval of the agenda. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Adopt Minutes

Marsha VanDenburgh moved approval of the minutes. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Discuss what member have learned and Council principles

David Metzen facilitated this small group work session. Members broke into three small groups to discuss what they have learned and to discuss common principles. A representative from each group reported back to the full Council. From the different reports, the Council members identified common lessons learned and principles.

Review State budget February forecast update

Chair Stinson presented an overview of the February budget forecast.

Chair Stinson called a recess at 11:00 AM.

Chair Stinson called the meeting back to order at 11:20 AM. A quorum was present.

Public Testimony

Mark Scipioni, citizen, provided testimony.

Present possible salary levels

Chair Stinson reviewed a comparison of alternative measures for setting legislative salaries.

Chair Stinson called a recess for lunch at 12:05 PM.

Chair Stinson called the meeting back to order at 12:48 PM. A quorum was present.

Discuss possible salaries

Angela Behrens, Office of the Attorney General's Office, reviewed the charge of the Legislative Salary Council.

Chair Stinson presented written comments from Vice Chair Patrice Hannan regarding legislative salaries.

Members then discussed different processes by which the legislative salaries should be set as well as possible dollar amounts for the yearly salary.

Discuss report and per diem

Greg Hubinger presented an outline for the proposed Legislative Salary Council. Members provided input on the outline.

It was determined that a draft of the report would be provided at the next meeting. Greg Hubinger requested that if members were interested in assisting with drafting the report they e-mail him individually their suggestions.

Members discussed the issue of per diem and the inclusion of language regarding per diem in the report to the legislature.

Members discussed whether the Council should include within the report a request for funding to contract for data on legislative salaries. It was decided to continue discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.