

Legislative Salary Council  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Fleming, Chair  
Denny Laufenburger, Vice Chair  
Tom Bartholomew  
Dyan Ebert  
Gregory Egan  
Frank Jewell  
Paul Krabbenhoft  
Brian Melendez  
Austin Peterson  
Steve Robinson  
Ken White

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

David Dingee  
Beth Jenson Prouty  
Pam Langseth  
Joe Morley  
Tanwi Prigge

Jim Fleming, Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Salary Council to order at 10:12 AM in the Ladyslipper Room of the Centennial Office Building. A quorum was present.

**Approval of minutes**

Denny Laufenburger moved approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Presentations from former legislators**

Michelle Benson, former member of the Minnesota Senate, Barb Haley, former member of the Minnesota House and Ryan Winker, former member of the Minnesota House, presented on legislative salaries speaking to the level of salary, the time demand on legislators both during the legislative session and the interim, and legislative per diem.

Chair Fleming called a recess at 11:32 AM.

Chair Fleming called the meeting back to order at 12:27 PM in the Ziegler Room of the Centennial Office Building. A quorum was present.

**Overview of February Forecast**

Jim Schowalter, Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget, presented an overview of the February 2023 Budget and Economic Forecast.

**Labor contract considerations**

Jennifer Claseman, Labor Relations Director, Minnesota Management and Budget, presented an overview of the state's collective bargaining process.

Erin Campbell, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget, addressed Council member questions.

**Council Discussion**

Council members discussed the presentations they had heard, the materials they received and began to discuss potential options for setting the salary of legislators including setting the salary as a percentage of various markers.

Barb Juelich, Controller/Chief Financial Officer, House Budget and Accounting and Betty Myers, Controller, Minnesota Senate addressed Council member questions.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.