

Final Minutes

Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates Meeting

12:00 noon • Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Oakland County Executive Office Building • Executive Conference Room
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41-West • Waterford, Michigan

Members Present:

Amanda Van Dusen, Chair
Robert Daddow, Co-Chair
Dennis Pollard
Louis H. Schimmel
J. Dallas Winegarden, Jr.

Members Absent:

None

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and the clerk took the roll. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked for a motion to approve today's meeting agenda. **Mr. Winegarden moved, supported by Mr. Pollard, that the meeting agenda as proposed be approved. There was no objection and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

III. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2009 Meeting

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates meeting. **Mr. Daddow moved, seconded by Mr. Winegarden, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting. There was no further discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

IV. Public Comments

The Chair asked if there were any follow-up questions for Eric Lupher of Citizens Research Council regarding his presentation at last month's meeting. Commissioner Winegarden commended Mr. Lupher on his presentation and thanked him for giving him some hope for the future. Mr. Lupher commented that one of the ideas discussed at the last meeting was the possibility of using the Circuit Court as an arbitrating body. He noted that may not be a viable option and suggested Michigan's Court of Claims might be the best option in that it has the capacity to obtain the level of knowledge necessary to understand the Headlee Amendment and the mechanics of mandates. A discussion of this and the concept of a Special Master followed.

V. Discussion of Deliverables for June 2009 Interim Report

A discussion of what the Commission can achieve by the end of June including what should be included in the interim report followed. The possibility of releasing a four to six page interim report with a longer final version to be released in December was proposed. Commissioner Van Dusen will work on a summary that can serve as the interim report and share it with Commissioner Pollard. Commissioner Daddow will also finish preparing the broader descriptions of the most significant mandates for Eric Scorsone to begin his cost analysis. Commissioners Van Dusen and Pollard will provide support to Commissioner Daddow if he needs it. Commissioner Daddow also shared a sample survey Eric Scorsone suggested be used for the costing analysis. The creation of a survey template was discussed and Commissioners Daddow and Pollard will meet with Eric Formberg from Plante to get some ideas.

VI. Correspondence

Commissioner Daddow shared a report of mandates imposed on Oakland County IT by the State that caused the County to rewrite software programs. He noted that this report is an indication of the hidden costs burdened on local units.

VII. Next Meetings

After discussion of some potential dates for the next two Commission meetings, the Chair announced that the next meetings will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009** and at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009** in Waterford.

VIII. Adjournment

Having no further business, Mr. Winegarden moved, supported by Mr. Pollard, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

(Minutes approved at the May 19, 2009 LCSM meeting.)