

FINAL

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 1997
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol Building - Room 402-403

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

Senator Dick Posthumus, Chair
Representative Tom Alley, Member
Senator Dan L. DeGrow, Member
Representative Pat Gagliardi, Member
Representative Charles Perricone, Member
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, Member
Representative Dan Gustafson, Alternate Member
Representative Samuel Buzz Thomas, Alternate Member

Dianne M. Odrobina, Legislative Council Administrator
Terry Jacobson, Secretary to the Council Administrator
Traci Kanillopoulos, Secretary to the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau
Clayton Burch, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
Doug Miller, JCAR Administrator
George Needham, State Librarian
Robin VanAlstine, Director of Human Resources, Library of Michigan
Janet Laverty, Director of Internal Operations, Library of Michigan
Tina Deitrich, Administrative Assistant, Library of Michigan
Elliott Smith, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau
Jerry Lawler, Director of Legislative Council Facilities
Marcia Cornell, Human Resources Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Carol Cousineau, Director of Legal Division, Legislative Service Bureau
Carlo P. Ginotti, Attorney/Administrator of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Margaret-Mary Chiara, Administrator of the Trial Court Assessment Commission
Ray Brennan, Assistant Secretary of the Senate
Susan Ruch, Executive Assistant to Senator Schwarz
Phil Douma, Legal Counsel, Representative Sikkema's Office
David Oppliger, House Democratic Legal Counsel
Alan Canady, Senate Democratic Counsel
Kristen Beltzer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator Posthumus
Maryann Middaugh, Representative Sikkema's Office
Steve Benkovsky, Director of Facilities, Michigan Library and Historical Center

A number of other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

Members Excused:

Representative Curtis Hertel, Alternate Chair
Senator John D. Cherry, Jr., Member

Members Excused (continued):

Representative Michael J. Hanley, Member

Representative Kenneth Sikkema, Member

Senator Virgil Clark Smith, Member

Senator Glenn Steil, Member

Representative Deborah L. Cherry, Alternate Member

Senator Jon A. Cisky, Alternate Member

Senator Michael J. O'Brien, Alternate Member

Senator Bill Schuette, Alternate Member

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. A quorum was not present at that time.

ITEM 2. Approval of Minutes of the February 25, 1997, Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair noted that six members were in attendance at today's meeting of the Legislative Council, with one member en route; and that seven members constitute a quorum. Senator Posthumus explained that no recommendations may be acted upon until a quorum is established; however, Council rules allow routine business to be conducted and reports accepted. Approval of Council minutes was determined to be routine business.

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 25, 1997, Legislative Council meeting.

Representative Alley moved, supported by Representative Gustafson, to adopt the minutes of the February 25, 1997, Council meeting. There was no discussion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

ITEM 3. Report of the Legislative Council Services and Administration Subcommittee

Senator Posthumus, Alternate Chair, asked Dianne Odrobina to provide background on the recommended Legislative Council Rules changes. Ms. Odrobina explained that the committee's intent was to provide a redraft in which the rules would be clear, concise and presented in a logical manner.

Senator Posthumus requested a summarization of the changes to the Rules. Ms. Odrobina asked Jerry Lawler to give a summary. **During Mr. Lawler's presentation, another Council member arrived establishing a quorum.**

Representative Alley inquired as to the membership of the Rules Review Committee. Ms. Odrobina reported the membership as follows: Jerry Lawler, Chair, Legislative Council Facilities; Gary Gulliver, Legislative Service Bureau Legal Research Division; Elliott Smith, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau; Janet Laverty, Library of Michigan; Gail Middleton, Legislative Service Bureau Legal Division; and Carol Cousineau, Legislative Service Bureau Legal Division. Human Resources staff were called upon as needed.

Representative Alley asked if the changes to the Rules increased the authority of the Legislative Council Administrator. Ms. Odrobina answered "no", that the Rules were changed to reflect the Legislative Council statute rather than changing the relationship of the Administrator with the Chair, Alternate Chair,

subcommittees, or full Legislative Council.

Ms. Odrobina noted additional items that were recommended for approval in the subcommittee's report, including personnel matters and purchases.

Ms. Odrobina stated that one other item, the use of a private vendor for the printing and marketing of the Public and Local Acts book, was referred by the subcommittee to the full Legislative Council for consideration without recommendation. At the time of the subcommittee meeting not all bids had been received, so no recommendation was made. Ms. Odrobina stated that all information has now been received and a recommendation is included to approve the low bidder.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Services and Administration subcommittee report as presented. **Representative Alley moved, supported by Senator Schwarz, to approve the Services and Administration subcommittee report as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 4. Report of the Legislative Council Agencies Subcommittee

Representative Alley, Alternate Chair, had concerns regarding the length of time allowed for responding to an open job posting from the Library of Michigan. He indicated his concerns had been addressed.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Agencies subcommittee report as presented. **Representative Gagliardi moved, supported by Representative Thomas, to approve the Agencies subcommittee report as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 5. Report of the Legislative Council Policy Subcommittee

Senator Schwarz, Alternate Chair, explained the changes to the drafting and printing rules.

Ms. Odrobina noted that the subcommittee also supported the request of the Michigan Capitol Committee to utilize a portion of the Capitol parking lot in August 1997 for the Oldsmobile Centennial Celebration.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Policy Subcommittee report as presented. **Senator Schwarz moved, supported by Representative Perricone, to approve the Policy subcommittee report as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 6. Old Business

The Chair asked for any Old Business. There was none.

ITEM 7. New Business

The Chair asked for any New Business. There was none.

ITEM 8. Public Participation

The Chair asked for Public Participation. There was none.

ITEM 9. Date and time for next Legislative Council Meeting.

Senator Posthumus noted the date for the next meeting of the Legislative Council as October 15, 1997.

ITEM 10. Excuse Absent Members

Senator Schwarz moved, supported by Representative Gustafson, to excuse absent members.

Senator Posthumus stated that, without objection, all absent members would be excused. There were no objections.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Posthumus asked for a motion to adjourn. Representative Alley moved, supported by Representative Perricone, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously supported, and Senator Posthumus adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Odrobina, Secretary
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(Approved at the October 30, 1997 Legislative Council meeting.)