

Final
MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

2:00 p.m.

Room 428

State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

Speaker Charles R. Perricone, Chair
Senator Dan DeGrow, Alternate Chair
Representative Patricia Birkholz, Member
Senator John D. Cherry, Jr., Member
Senator Joanne G. Emmons, Member
Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, Alternate Member
Representative Michael Hanley, Member
Senator Shirley Johnson, Member
Representative Kwame Kilpatrick, Member
Representative Bruce Patterson, Member
Representative Andrew Raczowski, Member
Senator Virgil Clark Smith

Dianne M. Odrobina, Legislative Council Administrator
Judy Allen, Chief of Staff for Senator DeGrow
Robin Allen, Library of Michigan
Rachel Asbury, Legislative Service Bureau
Daniel Bambery, Michigan Sentencing Commission
Steve Benkovsky, Legislative Council Facilities Agency
John Beutler, Special Project Coordinator for the Secretary of the Senate
John Bollman, Legislative Service Bureau
Christie Brandau, State Librarian
Clayton Burch, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
Alan Canady, Senate Democratic Counsel
Susan Cavanagh, Administrative Assistant to the Council Administrator
Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau
Carol Cousineau, Legislative Service Bureau
Lisa Dedden, House Democratic Counsel
Chuck Dmochowski, Legislative Service Bureau
Fred Doherty, Legislative Service Bureau
Robin Dropiewski, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Shelly Edgerton, Assistant Majority Counsel, Senate Majority Policy Office
Bill Fuller, Legislative Service Bureau
Paul Groll, Library of Michigan
Ben Hare, Legislative Service Bureau
Darlene Jensen, Legislative Service Bureau
Leo Kennedy, Legislative Service Bureau

Janet Laverty, Library of Michigan
Manny Lentine, Chief of Staff, Speaker=s Office
Susan Nearing, Library of Michigan
Nancy Robertson, Library of Michigan
Suzann Ruch, Senior Legislative Assistant for Senator Schwarz
Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau
Steve Transeth, Legislative Service Bureau
Thomas Valli, Legislative Service Bureau
Timothy VanWingen, Legislative Service Bureau

Other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

Members Excused:

Senator Robert Emerson, Alternate Member
Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, Alternate Member
Representative Mark Schauer, Alternate Member
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D., Alternate Member
Representative Judith Scranton, Alternate Member
Senator Kenneth Sikkema, Member

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

Speaker Perricone called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2000 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2000 Legislative Council meeting. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Representative Kilpatrick, to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2000 meeting. There was no discussion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.**

ITEM 3: Old Business

Salary Issue

After a brief discussion, Senator DeGrow moved that the salary issue be removed from the table of the January 26, 2000 Council meeting. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Representative Hanley, to remove the salary issue from the table. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Senator DeGrow moved that a compensation study of all Legislative Council Agencies be completed by Mr. William Rye, under the direction of the Legislative Council Chair and Alternate Chair. Senator

Emmons stressed that the Library of Michigan should be included in the study and indicated that she would support the motion if it included a reasonable date for completion of the study. Senator DeGrow indicated that he would request that preliminary information be available by the next Legislative Council meeting with completion of the study no later than November 1, 2000. Dianne Odrobina will contact Mr. Rye immediately following the Council meeting to check on Mr. Rye's availability.

Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Cherry, that a compensation study of all Legislative Council Agencies be completed by Mr. William Rye, under the direction of the Legislative Council Chair and Alternate Chair, with a completion date of no later than November 1, 2000 with preliminary information available for the next scheduled Legislative Council meeting. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

ITEM 4: New Business

Legislative Service Bureau Report

Dianne Odrobina presented the Legislative Service Bureau Report which included employment updates for Legislative Council agencies excluding the Library of Michigan and the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman, pending legislation affecting the Legislative Council, and a request for the Legislative Service Bureau Printing Division to print 1,500 copies of the Public and Local Acts volumes and use a private vendor for the binding at a project cost of between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The Chair ask for a motion to approve the LSB Report. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Emmons, to approve the Legislative Service Bureau Report. There was no further discussion. The report was unanimously approved.**

Legislative Council Rule Change Regarding Council Purchases

Dianne Odrobina described the proposed change to the Legislative Council rules increasing the amount of purchases or contracts needing approval from the Chair and Alternate Chair from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00 or an amount determined by the Legislative Council. Changing the amount to \$25,000.00 was discussed. Senator DeGrow suggested increasing the limit to \$10,000.00. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Representative Kilpatrick, to approve the proposed Council rule change to increase the value of purchases or contracts submitted to the Chair and Alternate Chair for their approval from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Library of Michigan Report and the Corrections Ombudsman Report

Council members reviewed the employment updates in the Library of Michigan Report and the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman Report. Ms. Odrobina was available to respond to any questions. There were none. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to approved the employment update sections of the Library of Michigan Report and the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman Report. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Ms. Odrobina continued. She explained that the LSTA Report and Statewide Services sections of the Library of Michigan Report show how much of the federal funds that came to the Library through the

Library Services and Technology Act were spent. At the last meeting, the Council had approved the areas that would be recognized with these awards and the information presented in this report tells the specific results. In addition, Ms. Odrobina directed attention to a memo signed by Christie Brandau, Jerry Lawler and herself recommending a proposed Library holiday closing schedule. This schedule is consistent with the plans for holiday closings for the Michigan Historical Center operated by the Secretary of State and requires Council approval. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Emmons, to approve the remaining sections of the Library of Michigan Report including the LSTA Report, Statewide Services and Holiday Closing Schedule. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Michigan Library and Historical Center Structural Change

A request to make a structural change at the Michigan Library and Historical Center was presented to Council members for their consideration. The renovation would remove an existing wall to allow the Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Networking Information Systems Divisions at the Library of Michigan to be located in one area instead of throughout the building. Information regarding the request including an architect report was reviewed by Council members. **Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Representative Birkholz, to approve the removal of a wall at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 5: Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM 6. Adjournment

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Representative Hanley moved, supported by Senator Hammerstrom, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Odrobina, Secretary

DMO:smc

(Approved at the March 6, 2001 Legislative Council Meeting)