

**Final
MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 14, 2000
9:00 a.m.
Room 252
State Capitol Building**

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

Speaker Charles R. Perricone, *Chair*
Senator Dan L. DeGrow, *Alternate Chair*
Representative Patricia Birkholz, *Member*
Senator John D. Cherry, Jr., *Member*
Senator Robert Emerson, *Alternate Member*
Senator Joanne G. Emmons, *Member*
Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, *Alternate Member**
Senator Shirley Johnson, *Member**
Representative Kwame Kilpatrick, *Member*
Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, *Alternate Member**
Representative Bruce Patterson, *Member*
Representative Andrew Raczkowski, *Member*
Representative Mark Schauer, *Alternate Member*
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D., *Alternate Member*
Senator Kenneth Sikkema, *Member*

Judy Allen, *Chief of Staff for Senator DeGrow*
Robin Allen, *Library of Michigan**
Daniel Bambery, *Michigan Sentencing Commission**
John Beutler, *Secretary of the Senate's Office**
Christie Brandau, *State Librarian**
George Brookover*
Jo Budler, *Deputy State Librarian**
Clayton Burch, *Legislative Corrections Ombudsman**
Alan Canady, *Senate Democratic Counsel*
Susan Cavanagh, *Legislative Council Administrator's Office*
Carol Cousineau, *Legislative Service Bureau*
Robin Evans Dropiewski, *Joint Committee on Administrative Rules**
Karen East, *Legislative Service Bureau**
Shelly Edgerton, *Senate Majority Policy Office*
Bill Fuller, *Legislative Service Bureau*
Mike Gadola, *House Majority Counsel Office*
Paul Groll, *Library of Michigan**
Fred Hall, *Senate Majority Counsel*
Leo Kennedy, *Legislative Service Bureau**

Janet Laverty, Library of Michigan*
Jerry Lawler, Legislative Council Facilities Agency
John Llewellyn, Chief of Staff for Speaker Perricone
Richard McLellan, Michigan Law Revision Commission*
Doug Miller
Susan Nearing, Library of Michigan*
Dianne M. Odrobina, Legislative Council Administrator*
Nancy Robertson, Library of Michigan*
Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau
Sarah Watkins, Library of Michigan Foundation*

Members Absent:

Representative Michael Hanley, Member
Representative Judith Scranton, Alternate Member
Senator Virgil Clark Smith, Member

*Members and other individuals that were present before the recess, but did not return after the meeting reconvened at the call of the Chair.

Other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

At 9:05 a.m. Speaker Perricone called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting would be recessed and reconvened at the call of the Chair.

Speaker Perricone called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2. Legislative Council Administrator's Position

The Chair recognized Senator DeGrow. Senator DeGrow reported that Dianne Odrobina would be resigning her position as Legislative Council Administrator and that he would be making a motion to accept her resignation and move to have John Strand appointed to that position. A brief discussion followed. In response to a question posed by Representative Schauer, Senator DeGrow indicated that Ms. Odrobina's resignation would be effective January 1, 2001. Representative Raczkowski stated that he would be abstaining from this vote due to a personal relationship with Ms. Odrobina's family. Representative Patterson inquired if it is necessary to post the position that is being vacated. Senator DeGrow responded that it is not necessary and that the Council is acting appropriately in filling the vacancy of an at-will employee. Speaker Perricone added that a resignation was pursued to make this as reasonable and fair as possible.

Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Speaker Perricone, that when the Council received the resignation of Dianne Odrobina as Legislative Council Administrator that it be accepted. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Yeas--11:	Speaker Perricone	Senator DeGrow	Nays--0
	Representative Birkholz	Senator Cherry	
	Representative Kilpatrick	Senator Emerson	
	Representative Patterson	Senator Emmons	
	Representative Schauer	Senator Schwarz	
		Senator Sikkema	

Not Voting--1: Representative Raczkowski

Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Speaker Perricone, that former Representative John Strand be named Legislative Council Administrator and that the Chair and Alternate Chair be empowered to negotiate a salary and starting date when Ms. Odrobina's resignation is received. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas--12:	Speaker Perricone	Senator DeGrow	Nays--0
	Representative Birkholz	Senator Cherry	
	Representative Kilpatrick	Senator Emerson	
	Representative Patterson	Senator Emmons	
	Representative Raczkowski	Senator Schwarz	
	Representative Schauer	Senator Sikkema	

The Chair moved, supported by Senator DeGrow, that Mr. Elliott Smith be appointed Interim Legislative Council Administrator with no adjustment in pay effective immediately until such time as Mr. Strand assumes the position of Legislative Council Administrator when the Council Chair and Alternate Chair receive Ms. Odrobina's resignation. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Yeas--11:	Speaker Perricone	Senator DeGrow	Nays--0
	Representative Birkholz	Senator Cherry	
	Representative Kilpatrick	Senator Emerson	
	Representative Patterson	Senator Emmons	
	Representative Schauer	Senator Schwarz	
		Senator Sikkema	

Not Voting--1: Representative Raczkowski

ITEM 3. Public Participation

The Chair asked if there was any further business. There was none.

ITEM 4. Adjournment

The meeting was recessed at the Call of the Chair and may not be reconvened due to it being recessed for more than 36 hours pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

(Approved at the March 6, 2001 Legislative Council meeting.)

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