

Minutes of Open Session Legislative Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

1:00 p.m.

Room 426

State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

Speaker Rick Johnson, *Chair*
Senator Dan L. DeGrow, *Alternate Chair*
Representative Cameron Brown, *Member*
Senator John Cherry, Jr., *Alternate Member*
Senator Robert Emerson, *Member*
Senator Joanne G. Emmons, *Member*
Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, *Alternate Member*
Representative Gilda Jacobs, *Member*
Representative Ruth Johnson, *Member*
Senator Shirley Johnson, *Member*
Senator Burton Leland, *Alternate Member*
Representative David Mead, *Alternate Member*
Representative Samuel Buzz Thomas, *Member*

John G. Strand, Legislative Council Administrator
Judy Allen, Chief of Staff for Senator DeGrow

Todd Anderson, Chief of Staff for Speaker Johnson
Daniel Bambery, Sentencing Commission
John Beutler, Secretary of the Senate's Office
Clayton Burch, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
Alan Canady, Chief of Staff for Representative Thomas
Susan Cavanagh, LC Administrator's Office
Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau
Carol Cousineau, Legislative Service Bureau
Lisa Dedden, Democratic Legal Counsel
Shelley Edgerton, Senate Majority Policy Office
Mike Farley, Legislative Service Bureau
Bill Fuller, Legislative Service Bureau
Jerry Lawler, Legislative Council Facilities Agency
Brett McRay, Senate Democratic Counsel
Rebecca Raus, Speaker Johnson's Office
Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau

Members Excused:

Representative Bruce Patterson, *Member*
Senator Kenneth Sikkema, *Member*
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, *Alternate Member*
Representative Carl Williams, *Alternate Member*
Representative Gary Woronchak, *Alternate Member*

Other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

Senator DeGrow called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. All absent members were excused.

ITEM 2. Election of Officers

Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to elect Speaker Rick Johnson Chair of the Legislative Council for 2002. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Yeas—10: Senator DeGrow
 Senator Cherry**

**Speaker Johnson
Representative Cameron Brown**

Senator Emerson
Senator Emmons
Senator Johnson
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland

Representative Ruth Johnson

Nays—0

Speaker Johnson moved, supported by Senator Emmons, to elect Senator Dan DeGrow Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2002. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—10: Senator DeGrow
Senator Cherry
Senator Emerson
Senator Emmons
Senator Johnson
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland

Speaker Johnson
Representative Cameron Brown
Representative Ruth Johnson

Nays—0

ITEM 3: Appointment of Subcommittees

Senator Emmons moved, supported by Senator DeGrow, to approve the following subcommittee appointments:

Legislative Council Services and Administration Subcommittee:

Senator Dan DeGrow, Chair
Senator Joanne Emmons
Senator John D. Cherry, Jr.

Speaker Rick Johnson, Alternate Chair
Representative Gary Woronchak
Representative Samuel Buzz Thomas

Legislative Council Agencies Subcommittee:

Representative Cameron Brown, Chair
Representative David Mead
Representative Carl Williams

Senator Shirley Johnson, Alternate Chair
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D.
Senator Burton Leland

Legislative Council Policy Subcommittee:

Senator Sikkema, Chair
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Emerson

Representative Patterson, Alternate Chair
Representative Ruth Johnson
Representative Jacobs

There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Yeas—10: Senator DeGrow
Senator Cherry
Senator Emerson
Senator Emmons
Senator Johnson

Speaker Johnson
Representative Cameron Brown
Representative Ruth Johnson

Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland

Nays—0

ITEM 4. Reappointment of Anthony Derezinski to the Michigan Law Revision Commission

Senator Cherry moved, supported by Speaker Johnson, to reappoint Anthony Derezinski to the Michigan Law Revision Commission. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Yeas—10:	Senator DeGrow	Speaker Johnson
	Senator Cherry	Representative Cameron Brown
	Senator Emerson	Representative Ruth Johnson
	Senator Emmons	
	Senator Johnson	
	Senator Hammerstrom	
	Senator Leland	

Nays—0

ITEM 5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 6, 2001 Legislative Council Meeting

Senator Emmons moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to adopt the minutes of the March 6, 2001 Legislative Council meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—10:	Senator DeGrow	Speaker Johnson
	Senator Cherry	Representative Cameron Brown
	Senator Emerson	Representative Ruth Johnson
	Senator Emmons	
	Senator Johnson	
	Senator Hammerstrom	
	Senator Leland	

Nays—0

ITEM 6. New Business

Legislative Council Budget

Speaker Johnson called on John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator, to briefly comment on the Legislative Council budget recommendations for FY 2002/2003. Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Johnson, that the budget as presented be adopted. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas—12:	Senator DeGrow	Speaker Johnson
	Senator Cherry	Representative Cameron Brown
	Senator Emerson	Representative Jacobs
	Senator Emmons	Representative Ruth Johnson

**Senator Johnson
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland**

Representative Thomas

Nays—0

Proposed Leave Donation Policy

Mr. Strand continued by providing a brief explanation of the proposed Legislative Council Leave Donation Policy. After some discussion, Senator Cherry asked if there are currently any LC employees who would qualify to receive time under this policy. Mr. Strand responded that although this policy has been in development for over two years, there is currently only one employee who would qualify to receive donated time. Senator Cherry also inquired whether a certain amount of leave time must be maintained for disability insurance purposes. Mr. Strand thought that this amount was two weeks. **Senator Cherry moved, supported by Senator Emerson, to amend the proposal by adding that a donor employee's leave donation may not bring their total accumulated leave balances below two weeks. There was no further discussion. The amendment was unanimously adopted.**

Yeas: 13

**Senator DeGrow
Senator Cherry
Senator Emerson
Senator Emmons
Senator Johnson
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland**

**Speaker Johnson
Representative Cameron Brown
Representative Jacobs
Representative Ruth Johnson
Representative Thomas
Representative Mead**

Nays: 0

Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Senator Cherry, to adopt the Legislative Council Leave Donation Policy as amended. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—13:

**Senator DeGrow
Senator Cherry
Senator Emerson
Senator Emmons
Senator Johnson
Senator Hammerstrom
Senator Leland**

**Speaker Johnson
Representative Cameron Brown
Representative Jacobs
Representative Ruth Johnson
Representative Thomas
Representative Mead**

Nays—0

Personnel Report

A personnel report listing new employees of the Legislative Council agencies was presented to the Council members. There was no discussion.

Pending Legislation

A list of pending legislation affecting Legislative Council operations was distributed. There was no discussion.

ITEM 7. Proposed Legislative Council Meeting Schedule

Speaker Johnson announced that May 14, 2002 and November 18, 2002 may be the next two Legislative Council meeting dates. He noted, however, that these dates are subject to change and Council members would be notified of the exact date, time and location of the next meeting when it is scheduled.

ITEM 8. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM 9. Adjournment

Having no further business, Senator DeGrow moved, supported by Represented Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Strand, Secretary

(Approved by Legislative Council, October 23, 2003)