

**FINAL**  
**Minutes of Open Session**  
**Legislative Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.  
Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:**

Senator Ken Sikkema, *Chair*  
Senator Jason Allen, *Member*  
Representative Darwin Booher, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Edward Gaffney, *Member*  
Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, *Member*  
Senator Gilda Jacobs, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Phillip Pavlov, *Alternate Member*  
Senator Mark Schauer, *Member*

Suzanne Miller Allen, Senate Majority Leader's Office  
John Beutler, Secretary of Senate's Office  
John Bollman, Legislative Service Bureau  
Susan Cavanagh, LC Administrator's Office  
Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau  
Karen East, Legislative Service Bureau  
Kathy Gilliland, Legislative Service Bureau  
Jerry Lawler, Legislative Council Facilities Agency  
Melissa Samuel, Senate Majority Leader's Office  
Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau  
John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator  
Denis Sullivan, Legislative Service Bureau  
Other unidentified individuals

**Members Excused:**

Senator Cameron Brown, *Alternate Member*  
Speaker Craig DeRoche, *Alternate Chair*  
Representative Dianne Byrum, *Member*  
Senator Robert Emerson, *Member*  
Representative Andy Meisner, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Tom Meyer, *Member*  
Senator Bruce Patterson, *Member*  
Senator Alan Sanborn, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Chris Ward, *Member*  
Representative Mary Waters, *Member*

**ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting**

Senator Sikkema called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. All absent members were excused.

**ITEM 2. Election of Officers**

**Senator Schauer moved, supported by Senator Allen, to elect Speaker Craig DeRoche Chair of the Legislative Council for 2006. The motion was unanimously adopted.**

<b>Yeas—8:</b>	<b>Senator Sikkema</b>	<b>Representative Booher</b>
	<b>Senator Allen</b>	<b>Representative Gaffney</b>
	<b>Senator Hammerstrom</b>	<b>Representative Pavlov</b>
	<b>Senator Jacobs</b>	
	<b>Senator Schauer</b>	

**Nays—0**

**Senator Hammerstrom moved, supported by Representative Gaffney, to elect Senator Ken Sikkema Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2006. The motion was unanimously adopted.**

<b>Yeas—8:</b>	<b>Senator Sikkema</b>	<b>Representative Booher</b>
	<b>Senator Allen</b>	<b>Representative Gaffney</b>
	<b>Senator Hammerstrom</b>	<b>Representative Pavlov</b>
	<b>Senator Jacobs</b>	
	<b>Senator Schauer</b>	

**Nays—0**

**ITEM 3: Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2005 Legislative Council Meeting**

**Senator Allen moved, supported by Representative Gaffney, to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2005 Legislative Council meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.**

<b>Yeas—8:</b>	<b>Senator Sikkema</b>	<b>Representative Booher</b>
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**Senator Allen  
Senator Hammerstrom  
Senator Jacobs  
Senator Schauer**

**Representative Gaffney  
Representative Pavlov**

**Nays—0**

**Item 4. Legislative Council Budget – FY 2006-2007**

Senator Sikkema called on Legislative Council Administrator John Strand to comment on the Legislative Council budget recommendations for FY 2006-2007. The potential need for changes in Council allocations to reflect the final amount appropriated to the Legislative Council by the Legislature and previous Council staff cuts were then discussed. Senator Hammerstrom inquired about cuts to the payment of national dues and urged full payment of the Council of State Government dues. Senator Sikkema noted that he is unaware of anything that is controversial in the proposed Council budget. He assured members that when the final budget is approved by the Chair and Alternate Chair, it will be distributed to all Council members and a Council meeting will be convened if any objections that cannot be resolved develop. There was no further discussion. **Senator Schauer moved, supported by Representative Booher, that the tentative Legislative Council budget as presented be adopted and that the final budget be approved by the Chair and Alternate Chair and distributed to all Council members. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Yeas—8:**

<b>Senator Sikkema</b>	<b>Representative Booher</b>
<b>Senator Allen</b>	<b>Representative Gaffney</b>
<b>Senator Hammerstrom</b>	<b>Representative Pavlov</b>
<b>Senator Jacobs</b>	
<b>Senator Schauer</b>	

**Nays—0**

**ITEM 5. Reappointment of Anthony Derezinski and Judge William Whitbeck to Michigan Law Revision Commission**

Mr. Strand provided a brief explanation of the Michigan Law Revision Commission and noted that biographies of Mr. Derezinski and Judge Whitbeck are included in the member's information packet. **Senator Schauer moved, supported by Representative Gaffney, to reappoint Anthony Derezinski to a 4-year term ending December 31, 2009 on the Michigan Law Revision Commission and to reappoint Judge William Whitbeck to a 4-year term ending December 31, 2010 on the Michigan Law Revision Commission. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Yeas—8:**

<b>Senator Sikkema</b>	<b>Representative Booher</b>
<b>Senator Allen</b>	<b>Representative Gaffney</b>
<b>Senator Hammerstrom</b>	<b>Representative Pavlov</b>
<b>Senator Jacobs</b>	
<b>Senator Schauer</b>	

**Nays—0**

**ITEM 6. Public Participation**

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

**ITEM 7. Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Senator Sikkema moved, supported by Senator Allen, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Strand, Secretary

*(Approved by the Legislative Council on February 28, 2008)*