

FINAL
Minutes of Open Session
Legislative Council Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 8:45 a.m.
Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Senator Randy Richardville, *Alternate Chair/Chair*
Speaker Jase Bolger, *Chair/Alternate Chair*
Representative Ellen Cogen Lipton, *Member*
Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, *Member*
Representative Stacy Erwin Oakes, *Member*
Senator Tory Rocca, *Member*
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, *Member*
Representative Jim Stamas, *Member*
Representative John Walsh, *Member*
Senator Gretchen Whitmer, *Member*
Senator Steven Bieda, *Alternate Member*
Representative Kenneth Kurtz, *Alternate Member*
Representative Margaret O'Brien, *Alternate Member*
Representative Rose Mary C. Robinson, *Alternate Member*

Individuals Present:

Keith Barber, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
Steve Benkovsky, Legislative Council Facilities Agency
John Bollman, Legislative Service Bureau
Susan Cavanagh, Office of the Legislative Council Administrator
Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau
Karen East, Legislative Service Bureau
Kathy Gilliland, Legislative Service Bureau
Suzanne Mendel, Legislative Service Bureau
Chris Powers, Legislative Service Bureau
John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator
Pat Williams, Legislative Service Bureau
Others were present, but were not identified.

Members Absent/Excused:

Senator Tupac Hunter, *Member*
Senator Mark Jansen, *Member*
Senator Dave Hildenbrand, *Alternate Member*
Senator John Moolenaar, *Alternate Member*

ITEM I and II. Convening of the Meeting and Roll Call

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule Chapter 1, Rule 2, Speaker Bolger called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Representative Stamas moved that absent members be excused. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM III. Election of Officers

Speaker Bolger nominated Senator Richardville to be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013. Speaker Bolger asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Speaker Bolger declared the nominee elected.

Senator Richardville asked if there were any nominations for Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013. **Representative Stamas nominated Speaker Bolger to be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013.** The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Senator Richardville declared the nominee elected.

ITEM IV. Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Representative Lyons moved to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM VII. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM VIII. Adjournment

Having no further business, Representative Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Strand, Secretary

(Approved at the October 3, 2013 Legislative Council meeting.)