

FINAL
Minutes of Open Session
Legislative Council Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Senator Randy Richardville, *Chair*
Speaker Jase Bolger, *Alternate Chair*
Senator Mark Jansen, *Member*
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*
Senator Dave Hildenbrand, *Alternate Member*
Representative Kenneth Kurtz, *Alternate Member*
Representative Margaret O'Brien, *Alternate Member*

Member Absent/Excused:

Senator Tupac Hunter, *Member*
Senator John Moolenaar, *Alternate Member*
Representative Rose Mary C. Robinson, *Alternate Member*

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

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Senator Schuitmaker moved that absent members be excused. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

The Chair then called on Representative Oakes who introduced and welcomed students from Delta College. The Chair also called on Speaker Bolger who introduced and welcomed his guests, Mrs. Davis from Marshall High School and his wife Molly and daughter Megan.

ITEM III. Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the October 3, 2013 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Representative Stamas moved to adopt the minutes of the October 3, 2013 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

Yeas—11

**Senator Richardville
Senator Jansen
Senator Rocca
Senator Schuitmaker
Senator Bieda**

**Speaker Bolger
Representative Lipton
Representative Lyons
Representative Oakes
Representative Stamas
Representative Walsh**

Nays—0

ITEM IV. Legislative Council Employee Handbook

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed Legislative Council Employee Handbook. He noted that this item was tabled at the last meeting to give members time to review the document. He called on John Strand, the Legislative Council Administrator, to respond to any questions. Senator Bieda inquired about the prison inmate communication policy. Mr. Strand noted that this policy is the same as the current policy and is not being changed.

Representative Lyons moved to adopt the proposed Legislative Council Employee Handbook. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Yeas—12	Senator Richardville	Speaker Bolger
	Senator Jansen	Representative Lipton
	Senator Rocca	Representative Lyons
	Senator Schuitmaker	Representative Oakes
	Senator Whitmer	Representative Stamas
	Senator Bieda	Representative Walsh

Nays—0

ITEM V. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM VI. Adjournment

Having no further business, Representative Stamas moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Strand, Secretary

(Minutes approved at the September 17, 2014 Legislative Council meeting.)