

FINAL
Minutes of Open Session
Legislative Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Senator Arlan B. Meekhof, *Chair*
Speaker Kevin Cotter, *Alternate Chair*
Representative Christine Greig, *Member*
Senator Morris W. Hood III, *Member*
Representative Bradford C. Jacobsen, *Member*
Representative Andrea LaFontaine, *Member*
Representative David Rutledge, *Member*
Senator Wayne Schmidt, *Member*
Senator Jim Stamas, *Member*
Representative Rob VerHeulen, *Member*
Senator Steven Bieda, *Alternate Member*
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, *Alternate Member*

Members Absent/Excused:

Senator Jim Ananich, *Member*
Senator Tory Rocca, *Member*
Senator Ken Horn, *Alternate Member*
Representative Robert Kosowski, *Alternate Member*
Representative Tom Leonard, *Alternate Member*
Representative Aric Nesbitt, *Alternate Member*

ITEM I and II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule Chapter 1, Rule 5, Legislative Council Chair Meekhof called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Speaker Cotter moved to excuse absent members. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM III. Approval of Tentative Agenda

The Chair asked for a motion to approve today's meeting agenda found in the members' meeting packet. **Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the proposed meeting agenda. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM IV. Approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2015 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the February 26, 2015 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Senator Stamas moved to adopt the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM V. FY 2016 Legislative Council Budget Allocation

FY 2015 Legislative Council Budget and Allocations

The Chair asked members to review the proposed FY 2016 Legislative Council Budget and Allocations. Mr. John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator, was available to answer questions. Representative Greig asked for clarification of the Private Gifts & Bequests line item. Senator Bieda inquired about the inclusion of the Private Gifts & Bequests line item and the National Association Dues line item.

	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
	Final Appropriation (PA 252 of 2014)	LC Approved Allocation	Final Appropriation (PA 84 of 2015)	Proposed Allocation
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (line item)	10,927,800		11,396,300	
Legislative Service Bureau		9,759,800		10,113,300
Michigan Law Revision Commission		32,000		32,000
Michigan Manual Fund		11,000		11,000
Legislative Council Administrator		410,000		425,000
State Drug Treatment Court Committee		5,000		5,000
Private Gifts & Bequests		400,000		400,000
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (line tem)	10,927,800	10,617,800	11,396,300	10,986,300
less non-GFGP/Private Gifts & Bequests	-400,000	-400,000	-400,000	-400,000
ADJUSTED LC TOTAL	10,527,800	10,217,800	10,996,300	10,586,300
LSB Automated Data Processing	1,371,200	1,681,200	1,398,600	1,808,600
Legislative Corrections Ombudsman	700,900	700,900	714,900	714,900
Workers Compensation	145,500	145,500	148,400	148,400
National Association Dues	437,100	437,100	445,800	445,800
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	13,182,500	13,182,500	13,704,000	13,704,000

Speaker Cotter moved to adopt the FY 2016 Legislative Council Budget and Allocations as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Yeas—12 Senator Meekhof Speaker Cotter
 Senator Hood Representative Greig
 Senator Schmidt Representative Jacobsen
 Senator Stamas Representative LaFontaine
 Senator Bieda Representative Rutledge
 Senator Schuitmaker Representative VerHeulen

Nays—0

ITEM VI. Retention of Outside Legal Counsel by the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
 The Chair entertained a motion by Senator Stamas to authorize the Legislative Council Chair and Alternate Chair to approve a contract for the retention of outside legal counsel by the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman using Legislative Service Bureau funds. **Representative Greig offered an amendment to the motion to include a member of the minority party needed for the approval of the contract for legal counsel. The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:**

Yeas—4 Senator Hood Representative Greig
 Senator Bieda Representative Rutledge

Nays—8 Senator Meekhof Speaker Cotter
 Senator Schmidt Representative Jacobsen
 Senator Stamas Representative LaFontaine
 Senator Schuitmaker Representative VerHeulen

The Chair ordered the yeas and nays on the motion made by Senator Stamas to authorize the Legislative Council Chair and Alternate Chair to approve a contract for the retention of outside legal counsel by the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman using Legislative Service Bureau funds. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Yeas—12	Senator Meekhof Senator Hood Senator Schmidt Senator Stamas Senator Bieda Senator Schuitmaker	Speaker Cotter Representative Greig Representative Jacobsen Representative LaFontaine Representative Rutledge Representative VerHeulen
Nays—0		

**ITEM VII. Michigan Law Revision Commission Reappointment
a. Reappointment of George Ward**

The Chair noted that a biography for George Ward was included in the members' meeting packet. **Senator Meekhof moved to reappoint George Ward to the Michigan Law Revision Commission for a term ending December 31, 2019. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

Yeas—12	Senator Meekhof Senator Hood Senator Schmidt Senator Stamas Senator Bieda Senator Schuitmaker	Speaker Cotter Representative Greig Representative Jacobsen Representative LaFontaine Representative Rutledge Representative VerHeulen
Nays—0		

ITEM VIII. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM IX. Adjournment

Having no further business, Representative VerHeulen 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

(Minutes approved at the March 17, 2016 Legislative Council meeting.)