

# Final Minutes

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**Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates Meeting**  
12:00 noon • Friday, January 23, 2009  
Oakland County Executive Office Building • Waterford Room  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41-West • Waterford, Michigan

**Members Present:**

Robert Daddow, Chair  
Amanda Van Dusen, Co-Chair  
Dennis Pollard  
Louis H. Schimmel  
J. Dallas Winegarden, Jr.

**Members Excused**

None

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and the clerk took the roll. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda. **Mr. Pollard moved, supported by Mr. Winegarden, to approve the January 23, 2009 agenda as proposed. There was no further discussion. The agenda was unanimously approved.**

**III. Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2008 Meeting**

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates meeting. **Mr. Winegarden moved, seconded by Mr. Pollard, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting. There was no further discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

**IV. Report Status from Associations Including Discussion on Costing**

The Chair reported that he had a discussion with Eric Scorsone on what is needed to start the costing of the mandates. A discussion followed and Commissioner Daddow proposed that a draft of the report be put together and submitted to Mr. Scorsone to start the quantification process. There was no objection.

A discussion of how to write the report followed. Commissioner Daddow offered to write the sections that cover the MTA, MML, and MAC issues. He will meet with representatives of those groups and Mr. Scorsone before the next meeting to cover the ten issues for each group and get an approach that he can bring back as a proposal. Commissioner Van Dusen offered to do the same thing with Mike Hansen and Commissioner Pollard offered that he and Mr. Villaire could write something for the schools and can help with some of the other associations as well. The need to use a standard format for the middle sections of the report was also discussed. The Chair noted that he and Commissioner Van Dusen will work to come up with some type of a standardized report content for what needs to be captured so that each of the components are the same.

**V. Status of Citizens Research Council Analysis**

Mr. Eric Luper reported there is not much new to report at this time.

**VI. Proposed Joint Meeting with Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency**

Commissioner Van Dusen indicated that she had spoken to Jim Curran who is a co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency. His preference is to conduct a meeting between the co-chairs of both Commissions instead of holding a joint meeting with all members. Commissioner Van Dusen will set up the meeting.

**VII. Next Meetings**

A potential date for the next two meetings was discussed. The Chair announced that the next two meetings will be held at noon on **Friday, February 27, 2009** and at noon on **Friday, March 20, 2009** in Waterford.

**VIII. Report Content, Preparation and Actions Going Forward**

The Chair touched upon his concern that the format of the draft report submitted by Commissioner Pollard is written too much like a brief and he would prefer a more generically written report. He also stressed that the tone of the report should be strong and direct. Commissioner Winegarden agreed, but expressed his concern that the report not start off by pounding criticism. Commissioner Van Dusen added that she believes the Commissioners share the collective view that the tone of the introduction should be powerful enough to command attention and will send her suggestions to the Commissioners for their review and comments. Commissioner Winegarden read a possible preamble that could be used and Commissioner Pollard suggested Commissioner Winegarden send his language in written form to all of the Commissioners to consider.

**IX. Other Matters to Come Before the Commission**

The Chair asked if there were any other matters to come before the Commission. There were none.

**X. Public Comments**

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Having no further business, the Chair moved, supported by Mr. Schimmel, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion was approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.