

PROPOSED
Minutes of Open Session
Legislative Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.
Committee Room 403 • State Capitol Building
100 S. Capitol Avenue • Lansing, Michigan

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Chair
Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Alternate Chair
Representative Abraham Aiyash
Republican Leader Matt Hall
Senator Edward McBroom
Senator Sean McCann
Senator Jeremy Moss
Representative Laurie Pohutsky
Senator Sam Singh
Representative Angela Witwer

Absent/Excused:

Representative Bryan Posthumus
Senator Roger Victory

ITEMS I and II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule Chapter 1, Rule 2, Senate Majority Leader Brinks called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Senate Majority Leader Brinks moved to excuse absent members. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM III. Election of Officers

a. Chair

Speaker Tate nominated Senate Majority Leader Brinks be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2023. Senate Majority Leader Brinks asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. **Senate Majority Leader Brinks declared that, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, he will be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2023.**

b. Alternate Chair

Chair Brinks nominated Speaker Tate to be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2023. The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. **Chair Brinks declared that, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Speaker Tate will be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2023.**

ITEM IV. Approval of the Proposed Minutes of the September 29, 2021 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the September 29, 2021 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Senator McBroom moved to adopt the minutes of the September 29, 2021 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM V. Approval of Appointment to Michigan Law Revision Commission – Lucius Vassar

The Chair reported that Mr. Lucius Vassar has expressed an interest in serving on the Commission as Vice Chair to succeed Mr. Anthony Derezinski. The Chair noted that Mr. Vassar's resume and background information is in the meeting documents. **Senator Moss moved to appoint Lucius Vassar to the Michigan Law Revision Commission for a 4-year term that expires on October 31, 2027. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the Council, voting as follows:**

Yeas—10

**Senate Majority Leader Brinks
Senator Edward McBroom
Senator Sean McCann
Senator Jeremy Moss
Senator Sam Singh**

Speaker Tate

**Representative Abraham Aiyash
Republican Leader Matt Hall
Representative Laurie Pohutsky
Representative Angela Witwer**

Nays—0

Approval of Appointment to Michigan Law Revision Commission – Trent Collier

The Chair reported that Mr. Trent Collier has expressed an interest in serving on the Commission. The Chair noted that Mr. Collier’s resume and background information is in the meeting documents. **Senator Aiyash moved to appoint Trent Collier to the Michigan Law Revision Commission for a 4-year term that expires on October 31, 2027. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the Council, voting as follows:**

Yeas—10	Senate Majority Leader Brinks	Speaker Tate
	Senator Edward McBroom	Representative Abraham Aiyash
	Senator Sean McCann	Republican Leader Matt Hall
	Senator Jeremy Moss	Representative Laurie Pohutsky
	Senator Sam Singh	Representative Angela Witwer

Nays—0

ITEM VI. Selection of a Legislative Representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision

The Chair reported the selection of Senator Jeff Irwin to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision to serve the remainder term ending on December 31, 2024. **Senator McBroom moved that State Senator Jeff Irwin be selected to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision for the remainder term ending December 31, 2024. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the Council, voting as follows:**

Yeas—10	Senate Majority Leader Brinks	Speaker Tate
	Senator Edward McBroom	Representative Abraham Aiyash
	Senator Sean McCann	Republican Leader Matt Hall
	Senator Jeremy Moss	Representative Laurie Pohutsky
	Senator Sam Singh	Representative Angela Witwer

Nays—0

ITEM VII. Selection of a Legislative Representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

The Chair reported the selection of Representative Amos O’Neal Irwin to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision to serve the remainder term ending on December 31, 2024. **Representative Pohutsky moved that State Representative Amos O’Neal be selected to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision for the remainder term ending December 31, 2024. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the Council, voting as follows:**

Yeas—10	Senate Majority Leader Brinks	Speaker Tate
	Senator Edward McBroom	Representative Abraham Aiyash
	Senator Sean McCann	Republican Leader Matt Hall
	Senator Jeremy Moss	Representative Laurie Pohutsky
	Senator Sam Singh	Representative Angela Witwer

Nays—0

ITEM VIII. Proposed Legislative Council Rule Change: Chapter 1, Rule 21

The Chair reported that one change has been proposed to the Legislative Council rules to allow the Legislative Council Administrator to make changes to personnel policies for all agencies at the approval of the Chair and Alternate Chair. The Chair noted the legislative council rules highlighting the section in Chapter 1, Rule 21 can be found in the meeting documents. General Counsel for the Legislative Council Administrator’s office, Shanda Greco was present to respond to questions. Leader Hall inquired on the reason for this rule change. Ms. Greco responded current Council Rules require approval of the entire Council for policy updates noting the last time completed was in 2014 noting the House and Senate have updated their policies recently, this change will allow us to align those changes for council agencies in an expedited manner. Ms. Greco noted there have been

temporary policy changes approved by the Chair and Alternate Chair in recent years given the emergency changes needed during those times but policies being temporary creates uncertainty for current and future Council agency employees. Leader Hall inquired on an example of a personnel policy change. Ms. Greco responded in this instance the Employee Handbook citing harassment investigation procedures as well as areas the House and Senate have recently updated to include work from home policy, leave policy, and maternity leave policy as main examples. Senator McBroom expressed concerned on the justification for this change if temporary powers are available. **Representative McCann moved to adopt the proposed Legislative Council rule change to amend Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 21 to allow the Council Administrator to make changes to personnel policies for all agencies at the approval of the Chair and Alternate Chair effective immediately. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the Council, voting as follows:**

Yeas—8	Senate Majority Leader Brinks Senator Sean McCann Senator Jeremy Moss Senator Sam Singh	Speaker Tate Representative Abraham Aiyash Representative Laurie Pohutsky Representative Angela Witwer
Nays— 2	Senator Edward McBroom	Republican Leader Hall

Proposed Rule Change: Chapter 1, Rule 21

Approval of policies	21. The Council <i>Administrator</i> shall receive approve <i>approval from Chair and Alternate Chair on</i> personnel policies for all agencies.
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ITEM IX. Public Participation

The Chair reported a number of individuals wishing to address the Council and due to time restrictions asked for public comments to be limited to three minutes per person.

The Chair recognized Mr. James Gallant joining by Zoom. Mr. Gallant with the Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition requested the Council hold a special meeting to investigate the Legislative Council's oversight functions for the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. During Mr. Gallant's comments the Chair noted the Council was unable to hear Mr. Gallant. The Chair thanked Mr. Gallant and asked that he submit his public comment in writing citing the Council would take his comments under advisement.

The Chair recognized Ms. Shannon Tanis joining by Zoom noting Ms. Tanis provided a document as part of her testimony and Legislative Council members had received a copy. Ms. Tanis filed a point or order because the September 29, 2021, meeting minutes for the Michigan Law Revision Commission public comment section was left blank citing this was not accurate. Ms. Tanis noted that truth in accuracy for record keepers, clerks, secretaries, and others in the field is vital. Ms. Tanis noted after conducting research this is something that has been left to dissipate over time and has not been documented accurately. Ms. Tanis expressed concern this inaccuracy makes her look like a liar when engaged with the body and given notice. Ms. Tanis expressed concern that she is a witness in a murder trial and this may be used as evidence against her. Ms. Tanis noted she will be engaging the standing committee on judiciary on probate issues noting we the people engaged a FOIA to the City of Greenfield and uncovered they are withholding evidence on hiding a sex offender in a nursing home because this person is related to an attorney that works for the City. Ms. Tanis noted she afforded the body every opportunity to deal with this in private and they did not. Ms. Tanis is giving legislators notice citing the people have suffered weaponization of every mechanism to harm the people. Ms. Tanis noted people are calling for a state convention to address all these issues. The Chair thanked Ms. Tanis for her comments and citing her comments will be taken under advisement.

The Chair recognized Senator McBroom. Senator McBroom noted Council Rule Chapter 1 Rule 16 under the Duties of the Administrator subsection (l) cites meeting notices to be sent to the appropriate personnel listing various locations including the Farnum and Roosevelt Building excluding the Cora Anderson and the Binsfeld Building. Senator McBroom noted the locations should be updated. The Chair acknowledged and noted for

item to be taken up at a later time. Senator McBroom expressed interest for the Council engaging in discussion about items the Corrections Ombudsman can be doing to enhance our understanding on what is going at the Department of Corrections. The Chair acknowledged and expressed appreciation to Senator McBroom on his comments.

ITEM IX. Adjournment

The Council having no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Senator McBroom moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dettloff, Secretary

REMONSTRANCE

Point of Order-Objection to Approval Of Proposed Meeting Minutes September 29,2021 Section ITEM VIII.

I would like to thank Jody White for sending me notice of the October 4,2023 meeting and agenda.

I have been oversighting several cases in Kent County for Probate. In the past several weeks 2 wards have died under duress, neglect, and abuse.

I'm engaging the Standing Committee on Judiciary for 4 bills currently. I would like to thank Greg Adkins for bringing those to my attention also.

To the redress of my point of order. I, Shannon Tanis, was a part of this meeting with the MLRC on September 29,2021. I gave formal notice in writing and have the video recording for this meeting via Susan Cavanagh the former Office of the Legislative Council Administrator.

Truth in accuracy is essential for the people to have. So we can hold this evidence to be self truth is what our forefathers spoke of.

The history of the record keeper to uphold their responsibility in the transparency of accuracy, dates back before Egyptians or Romans. The Library of Congress is a wealth of knowledge. I implore you to use the online search tool.

I raise high concerns with the multitude of improper conduct and incompetence of Representatives from both houses.

The people have suffered great insurrection and weaponization of every mechanism to harm the people.

1. We the people demand a state convention to redress these color of law and color of authority deficiencies.
2. We the people exercise the right of private law with the body for tort.
3. Proper response is required. Due in 7 days from delivery of this communication. Non-response will be accepted as self incrimination. viz

By: /s/ *Shannon Tanis* ©

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10/03/2023 1:00 am