

FINAL
Minutes of Open Session
Legislative Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Harry T. Gast Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Speaker Tom Leonard, *Chair*
Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, *Alternate Chair*
Representative Thomas A. Albert, *Member*
Senator Jim Ananich, *Member*
Representative John Bizon M.D., *Member*
Representative Christine Greig, *Member*
Representative Beth Griffin, *Member*
Representative William J. Sowerby, *Member*
Senator Jim Stamas, *Member*
Senator Steven M. Bieda, *Alternate Member (voting for Senator Hood)*
Senator Ken Horn, *Alternate Member (voting for Senator Rocca)*
Representative Larry Inman, *Alternate Member*
Representative Jim Lilly, *Alternate Member*
Tonya Schuitmaker, *Alternate Member (voting for Senator Schmidt)*

Absent/Excused:

Senator Morris W. Hood III, *Member*
Senator Tory Rocca, *Member*
Senator Wayne A. Schmidt, *Member*
Representative Leslie Love, *Alternate Member*

ITEMS I and II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule Chapter 1, Rule 2, Speaker Leonard called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Representative Greig moved to excuse absent members. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM III. Election of Officers

Senator Stamas nominated Speaker Tom Leonard to be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2018. Speaker Leonard asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. **Speaker Leonard declared that, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, he will be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2018.**

Chair Leonard nominated Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof to be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2018. The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. **Chair Leonard declared that, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof will be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2018.**

ITEM IV. Approval of the Proposed Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Legislative Council Meeting

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the September 27, 2017 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Senator Ananich moved to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2017 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

ITEM V. Appointment of Michigan Veterans' Facility Ombudsman

The Chair noted that, pursuant to Public Act 198 of 2016, the Legislative Council needs to confirm the appointment of Kellie Cody, Jr., to serve as the Michigan Veterans' Facility Ombudsman. The Chair noted that information regarding Mr. Cody is presented in the members' information packet (see attachment). Representative Bizon made a statement in support of Mr. Cody's appointment. Representative Bizon shared that, in his role as Chair of Military and Veterans' Affairs Appropriations, he has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Cody and found him to be resourceful and to be a valuable asset who has significantly impacted the health and welfare of veterans in our homes. Mr. Cody was present to respond to questions. There were no questions or further comments. **Senator Stamas moved to appoint Kellie Cody, Jr., as the Michigan Veterans' Facility Ombudsman to serve at the pleasure of the Legislative Council. 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—12 **Speaker Leonard**
 Representative Albert
 Representative Bizon
 Representative Greig
 Representative Griffin
 Representative Sowerby

Senate Majority Leader Meekhof
Senator Ananich
Senator Stamas
Senator Bieda (voting for Senator Hood)
Senator Horn (voting for Senator Rocca)
Senator Schuitmaker (voting for Senator Schmidt)

Nays—0

ITEM VI. Proposed Legislative Council Rule Change: Chapter 4, Information Technology, Computer, Telecommunication & MiLENIA System
The Chair noted that a need to revise the Legislative Council rules to include the MiLENIA system under the Legislative Service Bureau. The proposed changes are in the members' meeting packet and are attached to these minutes. Legislative Council Administrator Jennifer Dettloff was present to respond to questions. There were no questions or comments. **Senator Ananich moved to adopt the proposed changes to the Legislative Council Rules as presented by adding Chapter 4, Information Technology, Computer, Telecommunication & MiLENIA System. There was no further discussion. The motion was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:**

Yeas—12 **Speaker Leonard**
 Representative Albert
 Representative Bizon
 Representative Greig
 Representative Griffin
 Representative Sowerby

Senate Majority Leader Meekhof
Senator Ananich
Senator Stamas
Senator Bieda (voting for Senator Hood)
Senator Horn (voting for Senator Rocca)
Senator Schuitmaker (voting for Senator Schmidt)

Nays—0

ITEM VII. Public Participation
The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM VIII. Adjournment
The Council having no further business, Representative Greig moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dettloff, Secretary

(Minutes approved at the September 26, 2018 Legislative Council meeting.)

Kellie D. Cody, Jr.



Kellie D. Cody, Jr. earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University, a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan and a PhD. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences from Western Michigan University. He is a Licensed Master of Social Work and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of Michigan. Kellie has over 30 years of experience in mental health as a clinician and administrator, including experience in residential and inpatient care. He is an Army Veteran. He also has 5 years of experience linking veterans to the services they need, deserve, and are eligible for as well as providing outpatient therapy to veterans and soldiers, specializing in veterans with PTSD. He

has also taught at the university level in Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Social Work, Masters of Marriage and Family Counseling, Public Administration, Health Care Administration, and Interdisciplinary Health Departments.

Kellie comes to the ombudsman position with a passion for serving our veterans and a desire that all veterans be treated with dignity and respect and that their concerns be heard and resolved. He is committed to assisting Michigan Legislators and their constituents in investigating and resolving Veterans' Home Members' concerns. He also provides guidance for proposed legislation and policies and procedures related to veterans' issues in Michigan.

PROPOSED
Chapter 4
Information Technology,
Computer, Telecommunications, & MiLENIA Systems

Computer & Telecommunications Systems & Services

Establishment

1. The Legislative Service Bureau (LSB) shall maintain computer and telecommunications networks, systems, and services that are comprehensive, flexible, and compatible with other legislative networks and systems.

Information Technology & Systems support

2. The Legislative Service Bureau shall provide telecommunications (telephone, fax, audio and video conferencing, etc.) for all Legislative offices and agencies.

The Legislative Service Bureau shall provide computer hardware support for all Legislative Council agencies and support of certain software for all legislative offices and agencies.

Contracts for system implementation and maintenance; approval Exemption from procurement policies

3. The Legislative Service Bureau may enter into contracts with vendors and contractors as necessary to implement and maintain computer and telecommunications systems and components, including networks, infrastructure, service hosting environments, and hardware and software. All contracts shall be approved by the Administrator.

4. The Legislative Service Bureau is exempt from the purchasing requirements of Rule 13 of Chapter 3 if the funds are expended for the continued implementation and maintenance of the LSB computer and telecommunications networks and systems as authorized by the Council.

Legislative Technology Oversight Team

5. A Legislative Technology Oversight Team (LTOT) is hereby created. The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, the Senate Business Office Director, the House Business Office Director, and the Administrator shall serve as voting members of the Legislative Technology Oversight Team. Other non-voting members may be appointed to the Legislative Technology Oversight Team with concurrence of the voting members.

Role of Legislative Technology Oversight Team

6. In addition to the duties provided in this Chapter, the Legislative Technology Oversight Team shall facilitate communication and cooperation throughout the Legislature on issues involving computer systems and technology initiatives.

MiLENIA System

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7. The Legislative Service Bureau shall maintain and upgrade the legislative drafting, processing, and information sharing system known as MiLENIA. The Legislative Technology Oversight Team shall govern and oversee the MiLENIA System services provided by the Legislative Service Bureau.

Change Orders

8. The Legislative Service Bureau shall work with MiLENIA system users to identify system issues and desired system upgrades. The Legislative Technology Oversight Team may also propose changes and upgrades to the MiLENIA system on its own initiative.

The Legislative Service Bureau may implement changes and upgrades to the MiLENIA system without prior approval of the Legislative Technology Oversight Team that do not materially impact the functionality of the system and do not materially change the user experience. The Legislative Service Bureau will notify the Legislative Technology Oversight Team of these changes and upgrades. All other proposed material changes and upgrades to the system shall be submitted to the Legislative Technology Oversight Team for approval before implementation.

In reviewing a proposed change or upgrade, the Legislative Technology Oversight Team shall consider any workflow or policy changes necessary to implement the change or upgrade to the MiLENIA system, as well as any disparate impact on any users. The Legislative Technology Oversight Team may determine the priority and sequence of changes and upgrades to be implemented by the Legislative Service Bureau. The Legislative Service Bureau shall regularly notify the Legislative Technology Oversight Team of all implemented changes and upgrades to the system.

Emergency Changes

9. In the event of an emergency issue that disables basic functionality of the MiLENIA system, the Legislative Service Bureau may resolve the issue without submitting the change to the Legislative Technology Oversight Team for approval. The Legislative Service Bureau shall report all emergency changes to the Legislative Technology Oversight Team following resolution of the issue.

Standards and Policies

10. The Legislative Service Bureau, with approval from the Legislative Technology Oversight Team, shall develop and adhere to applicable coding standards, system version control, environment maintenance policies, and development process standards for the MiLENIA system.

Access to Electronic Resources

Employee access to electronic resources

11. Upon approval of their agency director, Council employees may have access to electronic databases, email, and the Internet and similar universally used information technology services created in the future to perform functions related to their work for the Legislature. Use of these electronic resources shall be subject to rules established in Council personnel policies.

Public access to electronic resources

12. The Legislative Service Bureau shall provide public access to legislative information via the Internet or similar universally used electronic technologies and networks created in the future. Specific issues regarding access to legislative information, including security considerations, shall be reviewed by the Council.

Contracts for specially formatted information

13. Council agencies may enter into contracts or agreements with private individuals and organizations for the provision of legislative information in special formats for special uses. The contracts shall be approved by the Administrator before execution and shall ensure at least the following:
 - a) The agency shall be reimbursed for the cost of the services.
 - b) The services shall not interfere in any way with services to the Legislature or legislative staff.