

**Final**  
**MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2000**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Senate Appropriations Room**  
**State Capitol Building**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present were:**

Senator Dan DeGrow, Member

Speaker Charles R. Perricone, Member

Representative Patricia Birkholz, Member

Senator John D. Cherry, Jr., Member

Senator Robert Emerson, Alternate Member

Senator Joanne G. Emmons, Member

Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, Alternate Member

Representative Michael Hanley, Member

Senator Shirley Johnson, Member

Representative Kwame Kilpatrick, Member

Representative Andrew Raczkowski, Member

Representative Mark Schauer, Alternate Member

Senator Virgil Clark Smith

Dianne M. Odrobina, Legislative Council Administrator

Judy Allen, Chief of Staff for Senator DeGrow

Robin Allen, Library of Michigan

Suzanne Miller Allen, Chief of Staff for Senator Sikkema

John Arundel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Speaker Perricone

Daniel Bambery, Michigan Sentencing Commission

Steve Benkovsky, Legislative Council Facilities Agency

John Beutler, Special Project Coordinator for the Secretary of the Senate

Christie Brandau

John Brandau

Clayton Burch, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman

Alan Canady, Senate Democratic Counsel

Travis Carr, Legislative Aide for Senator Emmons

Susan Cavanagh, Administrative Assistant to the Council Administrator

Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau

Carol Cousineau, Legislative Service Bureau

Shelly Edgerton, Assistant Majority Counsel, Senate Majority Policy Office

Bill Fuller, Legislative Service Bureau

Paul Groll, Library of Michigan

Gary Gulliver, Legislative Service Bureau

Marcia Hagenbarth, Legislative Aide for Senator Hammerstrom  
Maureen Herstek, Special Projects Coordinator, Michigan House of Representatives  
Craig Hildenbrand  
Janet Laverty, Library of Michigan  
Jerry Lawler, Director, Legislative Capitol Facilities Agency  
Cami Pendell Leavitt, Legislative Aide for Representative Raczkowski  
Richard McClellan, Michigan Law Revision Commission  
Kathleen Menanteaux, Library of Michigan  
Thomas Moore, Library of Michigan Board of Trustees  
Susan Nearing, Library of Michigan  
Brian O=Connell, Chief of Staff for Senator Johnson  
Suzann Ruch, Senior Legislative Assistant for Senator Schwarz  
Peter Ruddell, Aide for Senator DeGrow  
Jenny Sipe, Library of Michigan  
Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau  
Yalonda Watson, Legislative Aide for Senator Smith

Other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

**Members Excused:**

Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, Alternate Member  
Representative Bruce Patterson, Member  
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D., Alternate Member  
Representative Judith Scranton, Alternate Member  
Senator Kenneth Sikkema, Member

*(Senator Schwarz and Senator Sikkema were present at 2:30 p.m., but left prior to the start of the meeting which was delayed until 3:15 p.m.)*

**ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting**

Senator DeGrow called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and asked Dianne Odrobina to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Speaker Perricone asked for a motion to excuse absent members. **Representative Birkholz moved, supported by Senator Johnson to excuse absent members. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 2. Election of Officers**

Senator DeGrow presided over the election of the Chair.

**Senator Emmons moved, supported by Senator Hammerstrom, to elect Speaker Perricone**

**as Chair of the Legislative Council for 2000. The motion was unanimously approved.** Speaker Perricone stated that a motion would be in order to nominate the Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2000. **Senator Emmons moved, seconded by Senator Johnson, to elect Senator DeGrow as Alternate Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 3. Appointments to Subcommittees of the Legislative Council**

Dianne Odrobina presented a request from Senator DeGrow to replace Representative Patricia Birkholz with Representative Judith Scranton on the Services and Administration Subcommittee. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the requested change in the subcommittee appointment. **Senator Smith moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to replace Representative Birkholz with Representative Scranton on the Services and Administration Subcommittee. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Dianne Odrobina reminded the Council members that according to Legislative Council rules, the positions of chair and alternate chair of the Services and Administration Subcommittee are traditionally held by the Alternate Chair and Chair of the Legislative Council, respectively. The other subcommittee chairs and alternate chairs are reversed this year. All other appointments remain the same.

**ITEM 4: Approval of Minutes of June 17, 1999 Legislative Council Meeting**

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 1999 Legislative Council meeting. **Representative Birkholz moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 1999 meeting. There was no discussion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.**

**ITEM 5: Approval of the Agencies Subcommittee Report**

The Chair called upon Dianne Odrobina to address the appointment of the State Librarian referenced in the Agencies Subcommittee Report. After some brief remarks, Ms. Odrobina introduced Christie Brandau as the candidate she and the members of the Agencies Subcommittee recommend be appointed to the State Librarian position. **Senator Cherry moved, supported by Senator Emmons, to approve the Agencies Subcommittee Report. There was no discussion. The report was unanimously adopted.**

After an introduction by Ms. Odrobina, Christie Brandau was recognized and made a brief statement to the Council. The Chair and other members of the Council welcomed her as the new State Librarian of Michigan.

**ITEM 6: Approval of the Legislative Council Budget for FY2000/2001 (excluding the Library of Michigan and the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman)**

The Chair ask for a motion to approve the recommended budget. **Senator Cherry moved, supported by Senator Johnson, to approve the Legislative Council Budget for FY2000/2001 as presented. There was no discussion. The budget was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 7: Legislative Council Rule Changes**

The Chair moved to table this item to the next Council meeting. Ms. Odrobina pointed out that the Legislative Council Rules were referred to the Services and Administration Subcommittee at the last Council meeting. **After a brief discussion and no objections, the Legislative Council Rule changes were tabled to the next Council meeting.**

**ITEM 8: Council Appointments: Michigan Law Revision Commission**

Ms. Odrobina presented a recommendation from the Chair of the Michigan Law Revision Commission for the reappointment of Commissioner George Ward and the appointment of Judge William Whitbeck to the Michigan Law Revision Commission. **There was no discussion. Senator Johnson moved, supported by Senator Smith, that Commissioner George Ward be reappointed and Judge William Whitbeck be appointed to the Michigan Law Revision Commission. The appointments were unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 9: Approval of the Salary Study**

Speaker Perricone moved to table this item to the next meeting. After a discussion regarding concerns raised by some members of the Council, the Chair agreed to work with the Alternate Chair and Senator Emmons on a plan that will address the problem of salary levels for the next meeting. He invited input from Senator Cherry and Representative Hanley and asked that they contact his office if they are interested in participating in the discussions. **Without objection, the approval of the salary study was tabled to the next Legislative Council meeting.**

**ITEM 10: Request for a Structural Change in the Michigan Library and Historical Center**

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Odrobina outlined the structural change requested by the Michigan Library and Historical Center staff. **There was no further discussion. Senator Johnson moved, supported by Senator Hammerstrom, that the request for a structural change in the Michigan Library and Historical Center be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 11: Request from Senator Roger=s that the AConservationist of the Year@ Award Plaque be Displayed in the Cafeteria of the Library of Michigan**

The Chair moved that this item be referred to the Services and Administration Subcommittee. **Without objection, the item was referred to the Services and Administration Subcommittee.**

**ITEM 12: Council of State Governments Annual Meeting Printing**

Because this request requires approval by the Legislative Council, Ms. Odrobina explained the details of the request received from the Council of State Governments Annual Meeting Coordinator, Maureen Herstek. **Senator Johnson moved, supported by Representative Schauer, to approve the request to allow the Legislative Service Bureau to provide printing services for the Council of State Governments Annual meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 13: Proposed Schedule of Legislative Council Meetings Pursuant to Open Meetings Act**

Tuesday, May 9, 2000, and Wednesday, September 27, 2000, were proposed as dates for the next Legislative Council meetings. **Senator DeGrow made a motion, supported by Senator Cherry, to approve May 9, 2000 and September 27, 2000 as dates for the next two Legislative Council meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 14: Public Participation**

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

Senator Emmons asked if the Council members had any information regarding parking arrangements for displaced Butler Parking Lot employees. Senator DeGrow indicated that his staff is currently working on this issue and information will be distributed to all interested members of the Senate as soon as possible. Speaker Perricone mentioned that his staff is working on the House end.

**ITEM 15. Adjournment**

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 9, 2000.

**Representative Raczowski moved, supported by Representative Kilpatrick, to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 9, 2000. The motion was unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Odrobina, Secretary

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*(Minutes Adopted at June 20, 2000 Council Meeting)*