

**FINAL**  
**Minutes of Open Session**  
**Legislative Council Meeting**  
Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 8:45 a.m.  
Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:**

Senator Randy Richardville, *Alternate Chair/Chair*  
Speaker Jase Bolger, *Chair/Alternate Chair*  
Representative Ellen Cogen Lipton, *Member*  
Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, *Member*  
Representative Stacy Erwin Oakes, *Member*  
Senator Tory Rocca, *Member*  
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, *Member*  
Representative Jim Stamas, *Member*  
Representative John Walsh, *Member*  
Senator Gretchen Whitmer, *Member*  
Senator Steven Bieda, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Kenneth Kurtz, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Margaret O'Brien, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Rose Mary C. Robinson, *Alternate Member*

**Individuals Present:**

Keith Barber, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman  
Steve Benkovsky, Legislative Council Facilities Agency  
John Bollman, Legislative Service Bureau  
Susan Cavanagh, Office of the Legislative Council Administrator  
Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau  
Karen East, Legislative Service Bureau  
Kathy Gilliland, Legislative Service Bureau  
Suzanne Mendel, Legislative Service Bureau  
Chris Powers, Legislative Service Bureau  
John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator  
Pat Williams, Legislative Service Bureau  
Others were present, but were not identified.

**Members Absent/Excused:**

Senator Tupac Hunter, *Member*  
Senator Mark Jansen, *Member*  
Senator Dave Hildenbrand, *Alternate Member*  
Senator John Moolenaar, *Alternate Member*

**ITEM I and II. Convening of the Meeting and Roll Call**

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule Chapter 1, Rule 2, Speaker Bolger called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. **Representative Stamas moved that absent members be excused. There was no objection. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

**ITEM III. Election of Officers**

Speaker Bolger nominated Senator Richardville to be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013. Speaker Bolger asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Speaker Bolger declared the nominee elected.

Senator Richardville asked if there were any nominations for Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013. **Representative Stamas nominated Speaker Bolger to be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2013.** The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Senator Richardville declared the nominee elected.

**ITEM IV. Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council Meeting**

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Representative Lyons moved to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2012 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

**ITEM VII. Public Participation**

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

**ITEM VIII. Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Representative Lyons 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

*(Approved at the October 3, 2013 Legislative Council meeting.)*