

**FINAL**  
**Minutes of Open Session**  
**Legislative Council Meeting**  
Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.  
House Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:**

Senate Majority Leader Arlan B. Meekhof, *Chair*  
Speaker Kevin Cotter, *Alternate Chair*  
Senator Jim Ananich, *Member*  
Representative Christine Greig, *Member*  
Senator Morris W. Hood III, *Member*  
Representative Bradford C. Jacobsen, *Member*  
Representative Andrea LaFontaine, *Member*  
Senator Tory Rocca, *Member*  
Representative David Rutledge, *Member*  
Senator Wayne A. Schmidt, *Member*  
Representative Rob VerHeulen, *Member*  
Representative Aric Nesbitt, *Alternate Member (present, but no votes counted per LC rules)*  
Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, *Alternate Member (voting in place of Senator Stamas per LC rules)*

**Members Absent/Excused:**

Senator Jim Stamas, *Member*  
Senator Steven M. Bieda, *Alternate Member*  
Senator Ken Horn, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Robert L. Kosowski, *Alternate Member*  
Representative Tom Leonard, *Alternate Member*

**ITEM I and II. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 2, Senate Majority Leader Meekhof called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present, and absent members were excused.

**ITEM III. Election of Officers**

The Chair asked for nominations for Chair of the Legislative Council for 2016. **Representative LaFontaine nominated Speaker Cotter to be Chair of the Legislative Council for 2016.** The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, Senate Majority Leader Meekhof declared the nominee elected.

Speaker Cotter then presided over the meeting and asked if there were any nominations for Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2016. **Senator Schmidt nominated Senate Majority Leader Meekhof to be Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2016.** The Chair asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, pursuant to Legislative Council Rule, Chapter 1, Rule 4, the Chair declared the nominee elected.

**ITEM IV. Approval of the Minutes of the September 30, 2015 Legislative Council Meeting**

The Chair directed the members' attention to the proposed minutes of the September 30, 2015 Legislative Council meeting included in the members' information packet. **Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes of the September 30, 2015 Legislative Council meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.**

**ITEM V. Appointment to the Michigan State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision**

The Chair asked for a motion to appoint Representative Klint Kesto to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. **Senator Ananich made the motion that the Legislative Council select Representative Klint Kesto to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. There was no further discussion. The motion was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:**

<b>Yeas—12</b>	<b>Speaker Cotter</b> <b>Representative Greig</b> <b>Representative Jacobsen</b> <b>Representative LaFontaine</b> <b>Representative Rutledge</b> <b>Representative VerHeulen</b>	<b>Senate Majority Leader Meekhof</b> <b>Senator Ananich</b> <b>Senator Hood</b> <b>Senator Rocca</b> <b>Senator Schmidt</b> <b>Senator Schuitmaker</b>
<b>Nays—0</b>		

**ITEM VI. Appointment to the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision**

The Chair asked for a motion to appoint Senator Margaret O'Brien to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. **Representative Jacobsen made the motion that the Legislative Council select Senator Margaret O'Brien to serve as the legislative representative on the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. There was no further discussion. The motion was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:**

<b>Yeas—12</b>	<b>Speaker Cotter</b> <b>Representative Greig</b> <b>Representative Jacobsen</b> <b>Representative LaFontaine</b> <b>Representative Rutledge</b> <b>Representative VerHeulen</b>	<b>Senate Majority Leader Meekhof</b> <b>Senator Ananich</b> <b>Senator Hood</b> <b>Senator Rocca</b> <b>Senator Schmidt</b> <b>Senator Schuitmaker</b>
<b>Nays—0</b>		

**ITEM VII. Public Participation**

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

**ITEM VIII. Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Speaker Cotter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senate Majority Leader Meekhof moved that the Legislative Council meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Strand, Secretary

*(Minutes approved at the May 4, 2016 Legislative Council meeting.)*