

Legislative Coordinating Commission
Monday, November 16, 2009
1:30 pm
Room 400 North, State Office Building

PRESENT

Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair
Rep. Mary Liz Holberg
Rep. Al Juhnke
Rep. Mary Murphy
Rep. Tony Sertich
Sen. Tarryl Clark
Sen. James Metzen
Sen. Lawrence Pogemiller

EXCUSED

Sen. Richard Cohen
Sen. David Hann
Sen. David Senjem
Rep. Kurt Zellers

Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting to order at 1:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Review /Approve Minutes from February 23, 2009

Rep. Holberg moved approval of the February 23, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was adopted.

Review/Approve LCC Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), reviewed proposed changes to the Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies. Mr. Hubinger first reviewed changes that were made to conform to state and federal law and the negotiated contracts with state employees. Mr. Hubinger then presented the changes proposed by staff, which includes granting appointing authorities the ability to advance emergency sick leave. Another change proposed by the staff is related to participation in a high deductible health insurance plan. Mr. Hubinger stated the legislative staff group is recommending that the Legislature monitor this program in calendar year 2010 and participate in the high deductible option in 2011. Mr. Hubinger stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Sen. Metzen moved LCC-1, to amend the Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies to offer the high deductible health plan and health savings account as a voluntary alternative to the Minnesota Advantage Health Plan beginning in the 2011 plan year. Motion Adopted.

Rep. Sertich moved LCC-2, to amend language related to the Salary Savings Leave provision of the Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies. Motion Adopted.

Rep. Sertich moved approval of the Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies as amended. Motion adopted.

Review/approve financial audit for Fiscal Year 2008

Diane Henry-Wangenstein, Assistant Director of the LCC, and Steve McDonald, Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP, gave an overview of the LCC financial audit for Fiscal Year 2008. Mr. McDonald reviewed the audit report and stated Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP gave a clean opinion on the audit. Mr. McDonald explained they also reviewed the internal controls and noted that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Mr. McDonald and Ms. Henry-Wangenstein stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Review/approve operating budget for FY 2010-2011

Mr. Hubinger reviewed the operating budgets for the joint legislative offices for FY2010 and FY2011. Mr. Hubinger stood for questions. Susan Thornton, Director Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), addressed questions related to the LCCMR operating budget.

Sen. Metzen moved approval of the Joint Legislative Agencies and Commissions operating budgets for FY2010 and FY2011. Motion adopted.

Review/approve amendment to vacation leave donation policy

Mr. Hubinger reviewed a proposed change to the policy on donated time to increase the amount that may be donated from 12 to 40 hours. Sen. Clark moved adoption of vacation leave donation policy. Motion adopted.

There being no further business, Rep. Anderson Kelliher adjourned the meeting at 2:17 pm.