

Legislative Coordinating Commission
Subcommittee on Employee Relations
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Room 107, State Capitol

Members Present:

Senator Parry

Senator Benson

Senator Daley

Representative Benson

Representative Downey

Representative Drazkowski

Representative Lillie

Representative Winkler

Members Excused:

Senator Metzen

Senator Mike Parry called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Employee Relations to order at 2:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Members introduced themselves.

Election of Officers

Senator Benson nominated Senator Parry for the position of chair. There were no other nominations. The vote was taken. Senator Parry was elected Chair.

Representative Downey nominated Representative Drazkowski for the position of vice chair. There were no other nominations. The vote was taken. Representative Drazkowski was elected Vice Chair.

Representative Benson nominated Representative Winkler for the position of secretary. Senator Benson nominated Senator Metzen for the position of secretary. Representative Winkler withdrew his name from consideration. The vote was taken. Senator Metzen was elected Secretary.

Adoption of Subcommittee Rules

Representative Downey moved to adopt the proposed Subcommittee Rules.

Representative Drazkowski moved to amend the proposed rules as follows:

Page 2, line 25-26, strike the words "and have fiscal or significant operational implications"

The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Representative Downy renewed his motion to adopt the proposed Subcommittee Rules as amended. Motion approved.

Review/approve minutes

Representative Lillie moved approval of the December 16, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Review Subcommittee Duties

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission, gave an overview of the duties of the Subcommittee. Mr. Hubinger stood for questions.

Update on Bargaining

Jim Schowalter, Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB), and Barb Holmes, Assistant Commissioner for Labor Relations for MMB, addressed the Subcommittee.

Ms. Holmes presented a historical overview of labor relations and the negotiation process in Minnesota. Ms. Holmes also spoke to the current status of the negotiation process. Ms. Holmes stood for questions.

Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources at MnSCU, gave an overview of the MnSCU labor relations structure and the negotiation process. Ms. Lamb also spoke to the current status of the negotiation process. Ms. Lamb stood or questions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.