

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 19, 2005

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Doug Mays, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Clay Aurand, Majority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Dennis McKinney, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 1:40 p.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes of the November 30, 2005, meeting be approved and that statutory joint committees which are required by law to have LCC approval to meet be authorized to meet during the 2006 regular legislative session during days the legislature is meeting in session. Speaker Mays seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker Mays presented the report of the subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended that the request of the Legislative Budget Committee and the Special Committee on Medicaid Reform pursuant to Policy 33 to send letters to selected state agencies regarding the recommendations of the committees be approved, that a legislative vacancy on the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Development be filled by the appointment of Representative Melody Miller, that the duties of the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer as set out in the memo on job assignments for 2006 be approved, that the 2010 Commission be authorized 10 meeting days during the 2006 session of the legislature and that the Joint Committee on Information Technology be authorized one additional meeting day prior to the 2006 session of the legislature. Speaker Mays moved the adoption of the subcommittee report. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In addition to the matters recommended by the subcommittee, the subcommittee reviewed the draft bill which would abolish the aquaculture advisory council and discussed the selection process for the legislative counsel position. The subcommittee composed of Speaker Mays, President Morris and Representative McKinney is planning to review the responses to the request for proposals and to interview prospective candidates for the position of legislative counsel during the first part of the legislative session.

REPRESENTATIVE WINN'S REQUEST

Representative McKinney moved that Representative Winn's request concerning partial state funding to attend an Oxford University Round Table on Education in England during March, 2006, be approved for not to exceed \$1,000. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. In support of the motion Representative McKinney reviewed some Policy 1 out-of-state travel authorizations during fiscal year 2004 and the cost of such travel. Speaker Mays expressed concern that for Representative Winn to attend the meeting she would have to miss one week of the legislative session. Representative McKinney contended that over the years lawmakers had missed parts of legislative sessions to attend various conferences and that this meeting was as valuable as traditional conferences that lawmakers attend. Representative Aurand expressed concern that no overall Council policy addressed out-of-country travel and that one should be developed to provide limitations and guidance for the Council. On vote, the motion failed. It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Furse prepare a list of Policy 1 authorizations the last few years for the information of members of the Council.

REPORT OF CAPITOL RESTORATION COMMISSION

President Morris presented the report of the Capitol Restoration Commission (CRC). The CRC received a status report and overview of the statehouse restoration and renovation project from the state architect and other project staff. The CRC also received a budget overview and a request for increased budget and bond funding authority for Phase 3 of the project in the amount of \$16,227,091. This change, including adding \$11 million for the visitors' center and other changes, would increase the budget authority for the total project from \$135,000,000 to \$162,227,091. This amount includes \$15 million for the parking garage. The CRC recommended that the Council approve the request for increased budget and bond funding authority for Phase 3 of the project.

The members of the Council discussed the status of the project, the request for additional budget and bond funding authority, and the use of renovated and other legislative space in capitol during the 2006 regular session of the legislature.

Speaker Mays moved that, to the extent possible as determined in consultation with the Speaker and the President, renovated and

other legislative space in the capitol be designated for use during the 2006 regular session of the legislature so as to provide space in the capitol for members of the legislature and staff that would otherwise be provided temporary office space in the Docking State Office Building. Representative Aurand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Speaker Mays moved that the Council recommend that the governor's budget recommendation for fiscal year 2007 for the department of administration include \$16,227,091 of additional bonding authority or direct appropriation of moneys for Phase 3 of the statehouse restoration and renovation project, that the statehouse restoration and renovation project budget, including the visitor center, be \$162,227,091 and that the CRC presentation and report dated December 19, 2005, be accepted. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received a policy 20 report of meeting authorization by President Morris; a request for meeting days from Mrs. Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson of the 2010 Commission; a memorandum, and accompanying letters from Mr. J.G. Scott concerning Policy 33 approval on sending letters to state agencies; information on the Legislative Chief Technology Officer's job assignments for 2006; information on the status of selected Kansas cases from the Revisor's Office; and a Policy 42 report on outside employment of a staff member from Mr. Larson.

No additional meetings of the Council were scheduled at this time.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Norman J. Furse,
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as Secretary

Approved by

President Steve Morris, Chairperson