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Service Committee of the Legislative Council

June 9, 2010 Second Meeting of the 2009-2010 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Pat J. Murphy,
Chairperson
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy
Representative Kraig Paulsen

Senator Michael E. Gronstal,
Vice Chairperson
Senator John P. "Jack" Kibbie

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Central Staff Agency FY 2011 Budgets
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Service Committee of the Legislative Council

I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. Chairperson Murphy called the June 9, 2010, meeting of the Service Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 10:05 a.m. in Room 22 at the State Capitol.

Committee Business. Upon motion by Vice Chairperson Gronstal, the Committee approved the minutes from the June 10, 2009, meeting of the Committee by voice vote.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

II. Central Staff Agency FY 2011 Budgets

Upon motion by Senator Kibbie, the Committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets, subject to adjustment to reflect carryforwards from the previous fiscal year to all legislative branch agencies, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, pursuant to Code Section 2.12, as submitted by the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. Vice Chairperson Gronstal noted that changes to the approved budgets might be necessary or desirable later in the fiscal year.

III. Annual Personnel Reports

The Committee received and filed the annual personnel reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. Pursuant to these reports, all promotional and merit increases for eligible legislative employees continue to be delayed and all future promotions and merit increases are contingent on budgetary conditions and Legislative Council approval, and are subject to performance review with approval of, and an effective date set by, the applicable director.

IV. Request for Proposals – Cloud Computing

Mr. Glen Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency, noted that the agency is planning on issuing a Request for Proposals for the establishment, by contract, of an off-premise-based collaboration, office productivity, and e-mail system solution offered in a Software as a Service (SaaS) model, sometimes referred to as "cloud computing," for e-mail and other related services. Mr. Dickinson noted that the potential exists for saving money by utilizing this approach, but that security concerns and data sovereignty issues need to be addressed. Vice Chairperson Gronstal expressed approval for exploring the idea of utilizing cloud computing through the Request for Proposals process but indicated that legislative leaders should be consulted prior to making a final decision. Representative Paulsen noted that the security of legislative members' e-mail is critical and needs to be addressed if the use of some form of cloud computing is approved.

Upon motion by Vice Chairperson Gronstal, the Committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council endorse the actions of the Legislative Services Agency, on behalf of the Senate and House of Representatives and the entire legislative branch, to issue a Request for Proposals for the establishment, by contract, of an off-premise-based collaboration, office productivity, and e-mail system solution offered in a Software as a Service (SaaS) model for e-mail and other



related services. The adopted motion further provides that the Legislative Services Agency will consult and receive approval from legislative leaders prior to entering into a contract for these services.

V. Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, and Mr. Ron Rowland, Legal Counsel, are retiring at the end of June. Ms. Ruth Cooperrider, Deputy Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, noted that pending litigation involving the office necessitates naming an office Legal Counsel to represent the office's interests. Vice Chairperson Gronstal, with respect to the appointment of Ms. Cooperrider as Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, noted that Ms. Cooperrider will receive the full support of the General Assembly as Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman until such time as a permanent appointment is made.

Upon motion by Vice Chairperson Gronstal, the Committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council appoint Ms. Cooperrider as Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, to take effect upon the retirement of Mr. Angrick, the current Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, and pending Legislative Council appointment and Senate and House approval and confirmation of a permanent Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

Upon motion by Vice Chairperson Gronstal, the Committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council authorize the Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to designate a qualified assistant to act as the office's Legal Counsel without a change in compensation and with the necessary oversight of the Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

VI. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

1. FY 2011 budget requests for the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.
2. June 2010 Annual Personnel Reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

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