



MINUTES

Legislative Council

Monday, August 22, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
Senator Joe Bolkom
Senator Jake Chapman
Senator Chris Cournoyer
Senator Dan Dawson
Senator Jim Lykam
Senator Amanda Ragan
Senator Zach Wahls
Senator Brad Zaun

Representative Pat Grassley, Vice Chairperson
Representative Jane Bloomingdale
Representative Eric Gjerde
Representative Lee Hein
Representative Lindsay James
Representative Jennifer Knofrst
Representative Gary Mohr
Representative Jo Oldson
Representative John Wills
Representative Matt Windschitl

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. The fifth meeting of the 2021-2022 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Whitver at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 22, 2022, in Room 22, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. Senators Bolckcom, Cournoyer, Dawson, and Ragan and Representatives Bloomingdale, Gjerde, Hein, James, Mohr, Wills, and Windschitl attended the meeting via a telecommunications connection. Copies of the membership of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Council committees are attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

Minutes of Prior Meeting. Vice Chairperson Grassley moved that the minutes of the Legislative Council meeting of May 23, 2022, be approved without additions or corrections. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Consideration of Reports. Legislative Council actions are summarized in these minutes.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

II. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee

Chairperson Whitver recognized Vice Chairperson Grassley for consideration of the Report of the Service Committee. The report contains annual personnel reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Ombudsman, including recommended promotions. The report recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets for FY 2023 for the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Ombudsman. The report also recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed changes to the Legislative Services Agency Policies and Procedures concerning job titles and descriptions, and the proposed changes to the Legislative Council Policies and Procedures allowing paid leave for a voluntary blood donation. The report further recommends that the Legislative Council appoint Mr. Tim McDermott as the Director of the Legislative Services Agency. Vice Chairperson Grassley moved adoption of the report, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. The report is attached to these minutes as Attachment B.

III. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee

Chairperson Whitver recognized Vice Chairperson Grassley for consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee. The report recommends that the Legislative Council approve permanent statutory committees established by law for the 2022 Interim. Vice Chairperson Grassley moved adoption of the report, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. The report is attached to these minutes as Attachment C.

IV. Additional Business

Senator Wahls asked Mr. McDermott about information on new legislative member orientation in December. Mr. McDermott stated he has not received any information from leadership at this time.

V. Attachments

- A. Legislative Council Membership and Legislative Council Committee Memberships.
- B. Report of the Service Committee.
- C. Report of the Studies Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2022

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
 Senator Joe Bolkcom
 Senator Jake Chapman
 Senator Chris Cournoyer
 Senator Dan Dawson
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Carrie Koelker
 Senator Tim Kraayenbrink
 Senator Jim Lykam
 Senator Amanda Ragan
 Senator Zach Wahls
 Senator Brad Zaun

Speaker Pat Grassley, Vice Chairperson
 Representative Jane Bloomingdale
 Representative Dave Deyoe
 Representative Eric Gjerde
 Representative Lee Hein
 Representative Lindsay James
 Representative Jennifer Konfrst
 Representative Charlie McConkey
 Representative Gary M. Mohr
 Representative Jo Oldson
 Representative John H. Wills
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
 Representative John H. Wills, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Jake Chapman
 Senator Zach Wahls
 Representative Cecil Dolecheck
 Representative Lindsay James

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Speaker Pat Grassley, Chairperson
 Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Jake Chapman
 Senator Zach Wahls
 Representative Jennifer Konfrst
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Co-Chairperson
 Representative Gary M. Mohr, Co-Chairperson
 Senator Joe Bolkcom
 Senator Craig Johnson
 Senator Carrie Koelker
 Senator Jim Lykam
 Representative Jacob Bossman
 Representative Eric Gjerde
 Representative Lee Hein
 Representative Charlie McConkey

STUDIES COMMITTEE

Speaker Pat Grassley, Chairperson
 Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Jake Chapman
 Senator Amanda Ragan
 Senator Zach Wahls
 Senator Brad Zaun
 Representative Eric Gjerde
 Representative Lindsay James
 Representative John H. Wills
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Co-chairperson
 Representative Gary M. Mohr, Co-chairperson
 Senator Joe Bolkcom
 Senator Dan Dawson
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Jason Schultz
 Representative Lee Hein
 Representative Dave Jacoby
 Representative Shannon Latham
 Representative Jo Oldson

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Representative Terry C. Baxter, Chairperson
 Senator Annette Sweeney, Vice Chairperson
 Senator William A. Dotzler, Jr.
 Senator Kevin Kinney
 Senator Carrie Koelker
 Senator Zach Nunn
 Representative Ako Abdul-Samad
 Representative Thomas D. Gerhold
 Representative Mary Mascher
 Representative Jeff Shipley
 Representative Kristin Sunde
 Representative Jon Thorup

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES
2022**

TAX EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

Senator Dan Dawson, Co-chairperson
Representative Lee Hein, Co-chairperson
Senator Joe Bolkcom
Senator Tim Goodwin
Senator Pam Jochum
Senator Roby Smith
Representative Jane Bloomingdale
Representative Dustin D. Hite
Representative Charles Isenhart
Representative Dave Jacoby

HEALTH POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Senator Jeff Edler, Co-chairperson
Representative Joel Fry, Co-chairperson
Senator Joe Bolkcom
Senator Mark Costello
Senator Mike Klimesh
Senator Amanda Ragan
Representative Timi Brown-Powers
Representative John Forbes
Representative Shannon Lundgren
Representative Ann Meyer

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 22, 2022

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on August 22, 2022, and makes the following report and recommendations to the Legislative Council for approval:

I. PERSONNEL REPORTS

A. The Service Committee approves the annual personnel report from the Legislative Services Agency and recommends that the following employees be promoted, subject to performance review with approval of and effective date set by the director of the agency:

- Mat Kakavas, from Computer Systems Developer 2, grade 32, to Senior Computer Systems Developer, grade 35.
- Eric Richardson, from Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 3, grade 35.
- Maria Wagenhofer, from Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Austin Brinks, from Fiscal Legislative Analyst, grade 27, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29.
- Charlotte Miller, from Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.
- Dan Gough, from Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.
- Tyler Heeren, from Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.
- Janet Klockenga, from Administrative Services Officer, grade 23, to Administrative Services Officer 1, grade 26.
- Jared McNeill, from Administrative Services Officer, grade 23, to Administrative Services Officer 1, grade 26.
- Baily Gerlach, from Administrative Services Officer, grade 23, to Administrative Services Officer 1, grade 26.

B. The Service Committee approves the annual personnel report from the Office of Ombudsman and recommends that the following employees be promoted, subject to performance review with approval of and effective date set by the director of the agency:

- Jacob Hainline, from Assistant Ombudsman 1, grade 29, to Assistant Ombudsman 2, grade 32.
- Kinsey Ward, from Assistant Ombudsman 1, grade 29, to Assistant Ombudsman 2, grade 32.

II. CENTRAL STAFF AGENCY FY 2023 BUDGETS

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, pursuant to Code section 2.12, as submitted by the following agencies:

- Legislative Services Agency
- Office of Ombudsman

III. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR

The Service Committee recommends to Legislative Council that Tim McDermott be appointed as the Director of the Legislative Services Agency.

IV. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Service Committee received and filed miscellaneous changes to the Legislative Services Agency Policies and Procedures concerning job descriptions and titles.

V. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed changes to the Legislative Council Policies and Procedures allowing paid leave for a voluntary blood donation.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Pat Grassley, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 22, 2022

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on August 22, 2022, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

2022 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2022 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Pat Grassley

Chairperson

GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

2021-2022 INTERIMS

Adopted July 14, 2021

ADOPTION OF RULES

Interim study committees must have a majority of the members representing each house voting affirmatively in order to adopt rules.

COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC MEMBERS

Persons serving as public members of study committees are eligible to receive actual expenses only, if they are not eligible for expense reimbursement by an organization that they represent. In order for a public member representing an organization to be eligible to receive actual expenses, the organization must submit a letter to the Legislative Council indicating that the public member is not eligible for the reimbursement from the organization. Payment of the expenses is subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council.

STAFF WORK FOR PUBLIC MEMBERS

After consultation with, as appropriate, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) Director and legislative leadership, a study committee chair may authorize research or legislative drafting work by the LSA for public members of study committees.

APPROVAL OF NOMINEES

Public members of study committees may be nominated by designated organizations, subject to Legislative Council approval or subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council in consultation with the Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Any change in membership numbers and voting status of the members of a legislative interim study body approved by the Legislative Council requires the approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

GENDER BALANCE

Appointment of public members to study committees shall be gender balanced.

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS

A majority vote of a study committee's voting members present is necessary to carry any action; however, recommendations to the Legislative Council or General Assembly must be adopted with the affirmative votes of a majority of the committee's members of each house.

VOTING BY PUBLIC MEMBERS

Unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly or the Legislative Council, public members of study committees are nonvoting.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OUTSIDE DES MOINES

Any additional meeting or a meeting or public hearing by a legislative committee held outside of Des Moines requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee or legislative leadership.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

When authorization is given for a study committee to hold a public hearing, the committee may hold one hearing as a body or individual members may each hold a public hearing or groups of two or more members may hold public hearings. However, for each authorized public hearing, no members of the study committee may receive compensation for attendance at more than one session.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR SPEAKERS AND CONSULTING WORK

Any expenditure by a study committee for a speaker or presentation or for any other purpose either requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council, or legislative leadership, or requires inclusion of the expenditure in a budget proposed by the study committee and approved by the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council, or legislative leadership. Contractual consulting work for a study committee requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council. Expenditures shall only be made in accordance with legislative expenditure policies and procedures.

SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

For the 2021 Interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is November 26, 2021, and for the 2022 Interim, the deadline is December 9, 2022. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

2022 Legislative Interim Studies

Statutory Committees

1. Fiscal Committee (Iowa Code §§2.45(2) and 2.46)

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include examining budget and expenditure matters, directing the administration of performance audits and visitations, and studying the operation of state government and making recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

2. Health Policy Oversight Committee (Iowa Code §2.45(6))

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include providing continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, ensuring effective and efficient administration of the program, addressing stakeholder concerns, monitoring program costs and expenditures, and making recommendations to the General Assembly.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.*

*In accordance with applicable statutory requirements.