



MINUTES

Legislative Council

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
Senator Nate Boulton
Senator Chris Cournoyer
Senator Dan Dawson
Senator Pam Jochum
Senator Tim Kraayenbrink
Senator Herman C. Quirnbach
Senator Amy Sinclair
Senator Todd E. Taylor
Senator Sarah Trone Garriott
Senator Brad Zaun

Representative Pat Grassley, Chairperson
Representative Jane Bloomingdale
Representative Sue Cahill
Representative Lindsay James
Representative Bobby Kaufmann
Representative Jennifer Konfrst
Representative Heather Matson
Representative Gary M. Mohr
Representative Amy Nielsen
Representative Carter F. Nordman
Representative John H. Wills
Representative Matt W. Windschitl

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. The second meeting of the 2023-2024 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Grassley at 10:05 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in Room 102, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. Senators Jochum, Kraayenbrink, and Quirmbach, and Representatives Bloomingdale, James, Kaufmann, and Nielsen 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 Whitver moved that the minutes of the Legislative Council meeting of September 14, 2023, be approved. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

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

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

II. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee

Chairperson Grassley recognized Vice Chairperson Whitver 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 2025 for the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Ombudsman. The report recommends that the Legislative Council approve the receipt of changes to the Legislative Services Agency Policies and Procedures concerning timing requirements for employee completion and approval of time sheets, resigning or retiring employee attendance on the employee's last day of employment, and business travel reimbursement. The report also recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed changes to the Legislative Council Policies and Procedures concerning the list of authorized prefiling agencies, a publishing policy for Iowa Court Rules, and updates to the policy for accessibility for persons with disabilities. Vice Chairperson Whitver moved adoption of the report, and the motion was approved by voice vote. The report is attached to these minutes as Attachment B.

III. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee

Chairperson Grassley recognized Vice Chairperson Whitver 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 2024 Interim, and the legislative appointments of public members to the Area Education Agency Task Force. Senator Trone Garriott asked about the number of days the Area Education Agency Task Force will be meeting this interim. Discussion ensued about the number of days the task force will meet and continued about the task force membership. 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. Attachments

- A. Legislative Council Membership and Legislative Council Committee Membership
- B. Report of the Service Committee
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2023-2024

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Nate Boulton
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 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Carrie Koelker
 Senator Tim Kraayenbrink
 Senator Herman C. Quirnbach
 Senator Amy Sinclair
 Senator Todd E. Taylor
 Senator Sarah Trone Garriott
 Senator Brad Zau

Speaker Pat Grassley, Chairperson
 Representative Jane Bloomingdale
 Representative Sue Cahill
 Representative Lindsay James
 Representative Bobby Kaufmann
 Representative Jennifer Konfrst
 Representative Heather Matson
 Representative Gary M. Mohr
 Representative Amy Nielsen
 Representative Carter F. Nordman
 Representative John H. Wills
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Representative John H. Wills, Chairperson
 Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Amy Sinclair
 Representative Lindsay James
 Representative Brain K. Lohse

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
 Speaker Pat Grassley, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Amy Sinclair
 Representative Jennifer Konfrst
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Co-Chairperson
 Representative Gary M. Mohr, Co-Chairperson
 Senator Izaah Knox
 Senator Carrie Koelker
 Senator Janet Petersen
 Senator Dan Zumbach
 Representative Jacob Bossman
 Representative Sue Cahill
 Representative Bobby Kaufmann
 Representative Heather Matson

STUDIES COMMITTEE

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
 Speaker Pat Grassley, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Chris Cournoyer
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Amy Sinclair
 Senator Sarah Trone Garriott
 Representative Lindsay James
 Representative Amy Nielsen
 Representative John H. Wills
 Representative Matt W. Windschitl

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Co-chairperson
 Representative Gary M. Mohr, Co-chairperson
 Senator Dan Dawson
 Senator Pam Jochum
 Senator Janet Petersen
 Senator Dan Zumbach
 Representative Timi M. Brown-Powers
 Representative Dave Jacoby
 Representative Bobby Kaufmann
 Representative Shannon Latham

HEALTH POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Senator Jeff Edler, Co-chairperson
 Representative Joel Fry, Co-chairperson
 Senator Mark Costello
 Senator Molly Donahue
 Senator Mike Klimesh
 Senator Sarah Trone Garriott
 Representative Timi Brown-Powers
 Representative John Forbes
 Representative Shannon Lundgren
 Representative Ann Meyer

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES
2023-2024**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Senator Annette Sweeney, Chairperson
Representative Eddie Andrews, Vice Chairperson
Senator Kevin Alons
Senator Nate Boulton
Senator William A. Dotzler, Jr.
Senator Jesse Green
Representative Ako Abdul-Samad
Representative Jon Dunwell
Representative Ruth Ann Gaines
Representative Thomas D. Gerhold
Representative Helena Hayes
Representative Elinor A. Levin
Representative Sami Sheetz
Representative Brad Sherman
Representative Mark I. Thompson

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL****November 12, 2024**

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on November 12, 2024, 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:

- Megan Keitel, from Computer Systems Assistant, grade 27, to Computer Systems Analyst, grade 29.
- Eric Richardson, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 3, grade 35, to Senior Fiscal Legislative Analyst, grade 38.
- Austin Brinks, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Michael Peters, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Justus Thompson, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Lindsey Ingraham, Fiscal Legislative Analyst, grade 27, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29.
- Evan Johnson, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Maria Wagenhofer, Division Administrator 1, grade 38, to Division Administrator 2, grade 41.
- Garry Martin, Fiscal Legislative Analyst, grade 27, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29.
- Joey Lovan, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Xavier Leonard, Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 2, grade 32.
- Louie Hoehle, Fiscal Legislative Analyst, grade 27, to Fiscal Legislative Analyst 1, grade 29.
- Charlotte Miller, Legal Counsel 1, grade 32, to Legal Counsel 2, grade 35.
- Dan Gough, Legal Counsel 1, grade 32, to Legal Counsel 2, grade 35.
- Tyler Heeren, Legal Counsel 1, grade 32, to Legal Counsel 2, grade 35.
- Natalie Sherman, Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.
- JD Arnett, Legal Counsel 2, grade 35, to Senior Legal Counsel, grade 38.
- Sarah Carpenter, Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.

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- Adrienne Seusy, Legal Counsel 2, grade 35, to Senior Legal Counsel, grade 38.
- Liz Hadwiger, Legal Counsel, grade 30, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32.
- Steven Long, Administrative Services Assistant, grade 20, to Administrative Services Officer, grade 23.
- Megan McNeil, Administrative Services Officer, grade 23, to Administrative Services Officer 1, grade 26.
- Stephanie Femrite, Administrative Services Assistant, grade 20, to Administrative Services Officer, grade 23.
- Tanner Wieser, Administrative Services Officer, grade 23, to Administrative Services Officer 1, grade 26.
- Kelsie Willert, Capitol Tour Guide Supervisor 1, grade 22, to LIO Officer 1, grade 24.

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

- Rebecca Stout, from Assistant Ombudsman 1, grade 29, to Assistant Ombudsman 2, grade 32.

II. CENTRAL STAFF AGENCY FY 2025 BUDGETS

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, pursuant to Code section 2.12, as submitted by the following agencies:

- Legislative Services Agency
- Office of Ombudsman

III. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Service Committee received and filed changes to the Legislative Services Agency Policies and Procedures concerning timing requirements for employee completion and approval of time sheets, resigning or retiring employee attendance on the employee's last day of employment, and business travel reimbursement.

IV. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed changes to the Legislative Council Policies and Procedures concerning the list of authorized prefiling agencies, a publishing policy for the Iowa Court Rules, and updates to the policy for accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 12, 2024

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on November 12, 2024, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

2024 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2024 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Members of the Area Education Agency Task Force. The attached proposed members of the Area Education Agency Task Force are submitted to Legislative Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jack Whitver

Chairperson

2024 Legislative Interim Studies

A. Statutory Committee

1. School Finance Formula Review Committee (Iowa Code §257.1(4)) **Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every five years to prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code §257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the departments of Education, Management, and Revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

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

2. Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Review Committee (Iowa Code §452A.3(1)(c)) **Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every five years to review fuel distribution percentage formulas and make recommendations with the assistance of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Transportation. The committee shall formulate recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

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

B. Other Statutory Committees

1. Area Education Agency-Task Force (2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2612, § 16) **Charge:** The committee is required to study and make recommendations related to how to improve outcomes of students who utilize services provided by area education agencies. The committee is also required to study and make recommendations related to the amount of compensation paid to administrators employed by area education agencies, how to best fund core and related services, and to study and make recommendations to other matters involving area education agencies. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

Members: 11 public members

3 Senate/3 House ex officio nonvoting members

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

**Members of the Area Education Agency Task Force Submitted to
Legislative Council**

Morgan Miller- Large School Special Education Teacher

Robin Maas- Small School Special Education Teacher

Corey Seymour- Large School Superintendent

Adam Magliari- Small School Superintendent

Patricia Hunt- Non Special Education Teacher

Pam Gronau- Parent of student who has an individualized education program

Andrea Carlson- Parent of student with a plan under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act

Josh Bauer- President/CEO of nonpublic school