

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

April 29, 2009

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Mike O'Neal, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfried, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 9:38 a.m. in room 535-S, State Capitol.

President Morris congratulated Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, upon her selection by the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum (NIAF) to receive the 2009 David M. Walker Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award. The award will be presented by Mr. Walker at the May 15, 2009, NIAF meeting to be held in Arlington, Virginia.

Travel Policy

Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, reviewed the current Legislative Coordinating Council travel policy adopted at the December 8, 2008, meeting.

- Mr. Russell asked for direction whether to pay registration for a legislator attending an out-of-state meeting of a national organization of which the Legislature is a current member even if the legislator does not hold a leadership position in the organization. Representative Davis moved that the Legislature pay such registration provided that legislators cannot attend more than one trip per year unless approved by the President or Speaker. Senator Schmidt second the motion. The motion was adopted. Speaker O'Neal requested that any limitation on reimbursement for travel by proviso in an appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, be removed and that the LCC adopt a policy which provides for reimbursement of only the cost of early registration and which does not restrict reimbursement of other travel costs based upon when travel arrangements are made.
- Mr. Russell distributed a memorandum outlining travel options for legislators attending the Council of State Governments 64th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference to be held in Overland Park August 9-12, 2009. The LCC deferred action on the subject until later.

Legislator Laptop Computer Buyout

Mr. Russell presented information regarding buyout of the legislators' laptop computers currently leased from Dell. He reviewed the option of purchasing the computers and reselling them to legislators versus the option of letting the lease expire. Mr. Russell said the best buyout offer from Dell was above market price and recommended that the lease be allowed to expire and a request for proposals for a new lease be issued. Mr. Russell said if the latter option is adopted the legislators will be without computers for two months because licenses will not permit software to be installed on both the old and new computers at the same time. Dave Larson, head of Legislative Computer Services, said he has temporary staff available to handle the transition from the old computers to the new ones. Representative Merrick moved that the lease be allowed to expire and the laptops be returned to Dell. Representative O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.


Grants for Capitol Visitors' Center

Mr. Russell requested authorization to pursue informally grants to fund costs of the Capitol visitors' center. He indicated that at least three foundations are interested in making grants of \$100,000 or more. The consensus was that he should proceed to pursue the grants from foundations only. It was stated that this does not preclude consideration of grants from other entities at a later date.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by
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as Secretary

Approved by



President Stephen Morris, Chairperson