

Compensation Council
Monday, February 27, 2017
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Thomas Berg, Chair
Dr. James Fox, Vice-Chair
David Asp
Joseph E. Brown, Sr.
MaryLynn Dahlquist
Sarah Janecek
Anna Lima
Steven Ludwig
Jessica Macias
Robert Meyerson
Gail Olson
James Robins (via telephone)
Aalok Sharma

Excused:

Annie Deckert
Thomas Evenson
Keith Swanson

Thomas Berg, Chair, called the Compensation Council meeting to order at 1:05 PM in Room 300 South of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Robert Meyerson moved to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting of the Compensation Council. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes – Chair Berg, Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janacek, Lima, Ludwig, Macias, Meyerson, Olson, Robins, Sharma.

There being 12 Ayes, 0 Nays and 4 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testimony from Finance/Appropriations Committees

Representative Lynn Carlson and Senator Dick Cohen provided testimony.

Testimony from Public Utilities Commission

Nancy Lange, Chair, presented an overview of the work of the Public Utilities Commission and spoke to the responsibilities and duties of the commissioners and the chair.

Dan Wolf, Executive Secretary, addressed Council member questions.

Testimony from Metropolitan Airports Commission

Mitch Kilian, Director of Government Affairs, provided a brief description of the Commission and spoke to the role and duties of the members and chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Chair Berg called a recess at 2:26 PM.

Chair Berg called the meeting back to order at 2:35 PM.

Review Recommendation for Judges

Sarah Janecek moved to ratify the recommendation that judges receive the following increases: 3.5% effective July 1, 2017; 3.5% effective July 1, 2018; 4.63% effective January 1, 2019 and 4.63% effective January 1, 2020. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Chair Berg, Asp, Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janecek, Lima, Ludwig, Meyerson, Olson, Robins, Sharma
Nays: Macias

There being 12 Ayes, 1 Nay and 3 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Discuss Constitutional Officer Salaries Recommendation

Sarah Janecek moved to recommend a one-time increase to the governor's annual salary by raising it to \$160,000 effective January 1, 2019. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Chair Berg, Brown, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig
Nays: Asp, Dahlquist, Lima, Macias, Olson, Robins, Sharma
Abstain: Meyerson

There being 5 Ayes, 7 Nays, 1 Abstention, and 3 Absent, THE MOTION FAILED.

Joseph Brown moved to recommend a one-time increase to the governor's annual salary by raising it to \$150,000 effective January 1, 2019. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Chair Berg, Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janecek, Lima, Ludwig, Meyerson, Robins, Sharma
No: Asp, Macias, Olson

There being 10 Ayes, 3 Nays and 3 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Berg noted that by approving the recommendation that the governor's salary increase to \$150,000 the other constitutional officer's salaries, whose salaries are tied as a percentage of the governor's salary, increase as follows: Attorney General to \$142,500; Auditor to \$127,500; Secretary of State to \$112,500 and the Lieutenant Governor to \$97,500.

Discuss Agency Head Salary Ranges

Gail Olson moved to establish a salary range for Group I Agency Heads using 114% of the Governor's salary and Group II Agency Heads using 105% of the Governor's salary. Seconded.

Robert Meyerson moved to amend the motion to include Group III (MAC Chair) at 21% of the Governor's salary. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Macias, Meyerson, Robins

Nays: Berg, Olson, Sharma

There being 8 Ayes, 3 Nays and 5 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The vote was taken on the Olson motion, as amended, to establish a salary range for Group I Agency Heads using 114% of the Governor's salary, Group II Agency Heads using 105% of the Governor's salary and Group III Agency Heads using 21% of the Governor's salary.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Chair Berg, Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Macias, Meyerson, Olson, Robins, Sharma

There being 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 5 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Steven Ludwig moved that the Council recommend a study to look at the Metropolitan Airport Commission's compensation. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken, the results were as follows:

Ayes: Chair Berg, Brown, Dahlquist, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Macias, Meyerson, Olson, Robins, Sharma

There being 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 5 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Public Testimony

There was no additional testimony.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 1:00 PM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.