

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

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Members Present:

Thomas Berg, Chair
Dr. James Fox, Vice-Chair
David Asp (via telephone)
Joseph E. Brown, Sr.
MaryLynn Dahlquist
Annie Deckert
Thomas Evenson
Sarah Janecek
Steven Ludwig
Robert Meyerson
Gail Olson
James Robins

Excused:

Anna Lima
Jessica Macias
Aalok Sharma
Keith Swanson

Thomas Berg, Chair, called the Compensation Council meeting to order at 1:04 PM in Room 300 North of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Gail Olson moved to approve the Minutes from the February 27, 2017 meeting of the Compensation Council. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Discuss draft recommendations

Chair Berg provided an overview of five optional provisions for possible inclusion in the Compensation Council report.

Sarah Janacek moved Option 2 be included in the Recommendations Report: The Legislature should require that Minnesota Management and Budget conduct an evaluation to examine the equity of compensating the chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission under the Agency salary limit statute, while compensating the other members through \$50 per diems. Seconded.

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

Ayes: Chair Berg, Asp, Brown, Dahlquist, Deckert, Evenson, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Meyerson, Olson, Robins

There being 12 ayes and 4 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Joseph Brown moved Option 4 be included in the Recommendations Report: The Legislature should conduct an independent evaluation to determine if the current salary structure of the other Constitutional Officers in relation to that of the Governor and each other reflects the duties of their respective offices. Seconded.

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

Ayes: Chair Berg, Asp, Brown, Dahlquist, Deckert, Evenson, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Meyerson, Olson, Robins

There being 12 ayes and 4 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Berg called a recess at 2:04 PM.

Chair Berg called the meeting back to order at 2:16 PM.

Consider Possible Amendments

Members discussed possible amendments to the draft report.

James Robbins moved to amend the report as follows:

On Page 4, Salaries of Agency Heads: Delete "Due to the flexibility for salary adjustments which exist in the current salary ranges, the Council does not make a recommendation regarding the existing salary ranges for the heads of state agencies. See the "Other recommendations" section for a related discussion and recommendation" and Insert: "The Compensation Council recommends that the agency head salary ranges be decoupled from the Governor's salary. The Council recommends that the current salary limits in effect on January 1, 2017 continue maintaining the current process set in law of adjusting the salary ranges by the Consumer Price Index."

On Page 5, Delete Number 2: Agency head salary ranges.

Seconded.

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

Ayes: Chair Berg, Asp, Brown, Dahlquist, Deckert, Evenson, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Meyerson, Olson, Robins

There being 12 ayes and 4 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Review/Approve Recommendations

Joseph Brown moved the Council adopt the Recommendation Report as amended and to allow the Chair to make technical changes to the report as needed.

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

Ayes: Chair Berg, Brown, Dahlquist, Deckert, Evenson, Fox, Janecek, Ludwig, Meyerson, Olson, Robins
Nay: Asp

There being 11 ayes, 1 nay and 4 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.