

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 11, 2009

8:30 a.m., Room 15 State Capitol

Members Present:

Senator Satveer Chaudhary
Senator John Doll
Senator Yvonne Prettner-Solon
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator David Senjem
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative Bill Hilty
Representative Frank Hornstein
Representative Kate Knuth

Members Excused:

Senator Ellen Anderson
Senator Steve Dille
Senator Gary Kubly
Senator James Metzen
Senator Pat Pariseau
Representative Michael Beard
Representative Kent Eken
Representative Al Juhnke
Representative Mary Ellen Otremba
Representative Doug Magnus
Representative Torrey Westrom

Call to Order

Sen. Yvonne Prettner-Solon called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 8:47 am. A quorum was not present.

Adopt Bylaws

Members reviewed the proposed by-laws for the Commission. Sen. Prettner-Solon explained that a request was made to delay the vote on the by-law language to allow time for further review. The vote on the proposed by-laws was postponed until the next meeting.

Commission Organization

Kim Austrian, former director of the Legislative Commission on Waste Management (LCWM), presented on the experiences of the LCWM. Ms. Austrian spoke to the history of the Commission, addressed how the Commission operated and gave her perspective on why the Commission was effective. Ms. Austrian stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Susan Schmidt, former director of the Legislative Water Commission, described the Water Commission speaking specifically to how the Commission operated, how the Commission was organized and what made the Commission effective. Ms. Schmidt stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Shannon Anderson, Committee Administrator for the Health and Human Services Budget Division, and Katherine Cavanor, Senate Counsel, presented on the structure of the 2007 Health Care Access Commission (HCAC). Ms. Anderson reviewed the timeline of the HCAC. She then spoke to the staffing for the HCAC and the operations of the different working groups of the HCAC. Ms. Anderson then reviewed the pros and cons of their approach. Ms. Cavanor spoke to why the HCAC approach was effective. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Cavanor stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Working Group Proposals

Members reviewed and discussed a proposal to assemble working groups around the following issues: energy efficiency and conservation; energy reliability and sustainability; energy and the environment; energy and the economy; and emerging energy technology.

Approval of Minutes

There was not a quorum; therefore, no action could be taken on this item.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.