

Minutes
LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION
February 14, 2013

Members Present:

Representative Michael Beard
Representative Sondra Erickson
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Rick Hansen
Representative Mary Liz Holberg

Senator Michelle Benson
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
Senator Roger J. Reinert

Members Absent:

Representative Steve Simon

Senator Warren Limmer
Senator James Metzen
Senator Ann H. Rest

Senator Reinert, Chair, called the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to assign members to three subcommittees: Executive Subcommittee, Evaluation Subcommittee, and Audit Subcommittee.

Senator Reinert explained that he was hopeful that the subcommittees would be used in a meaningful way. He also said that any member can attend any subcommittee meeting. Mr. Nobles added that he felt the subcommittees are a positive development.

Senator Reinert said that he had solicited suggestions from LAC members and tried to honor all requests. Representative Hansen moved the following subcommittee structure and appointments:

Executive Subcommittee

Representative Mike Beard, Chair
Representative Rick Hansen
Representative Mary Liz Holberg
Senator Warren Limmer
Senator Roger J. Reinert
Senator Ann H. Rest

Evaluation Subcommittee

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Mary Liz Holberg
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
Senator Warren Limmer
Senator James Metzen

Audit Subcommittee

Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair
Senator Michelle Benson
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
Representative Sondra Erickson
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Steve Simon

The motion prevailed.

Senator Reinert asked Mr. Nobles to give an update on OLA evaluations. Mr. Nobles said that *Conservation Easements* had just been released to the House Legacy Committee earlier in the week. On February 20, 2013, *Law Enforcement's Use of State Databases* will be released to the Evaluation Subcommittee. *State-*

Operated Human Services will be released to the Senate Health and Human Services Finance Division late February. On March 6, 2013, *Special Education* will be released to a joint House and Senate Education Committee. And in early March, *Medical Assistance Payment Rates for Dental Services* will be released. It was noted that chairs of the standing committees hearing the releases welcome LAC members to participate in the meetings.

Senator Reinert said that the Topic Selection process will be done through the Evaluation Subcommittee. Mr. Nobles asked Judy Randall, Evaluation Manager, to give an overview of the topic selection timeline. Ms. Randall said that a memo requesting topic suggestions would be sent to all legislators the following day. She said the deadline to submit suggestions is March 15, 2013, and topics should be finalized by early April. Senator Reinert asked all members to be advocates for the process and to encourage fellow legislators to submit their suggestions.

With no further business, Senator Reinert adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Senator Roger J. Reinert, Chair

Shelly Watterud, Recording Secretary