

Minutes
EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Legislative Audit Commission
March 22, 2013

Members Present:

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Mary Liz Holberg
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer

Members Absent:

Senator Warren Limmer
Senator James Metzen

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair, called the Legislative Audit Commission Evaluation Subcommittee meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review the list of evaluation topics suggested by legislators and others.

Representative Hansen said there was a late topic submission to note for the record, which was the Department of Labor and Industry Labor Standards Division. He then introduced Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor. Mr. Nobles thanked the commission members for their work and pointed out that the choices for evaluation topics the previous year were good and resulted in useful reports with timely issues for the current Legislative Session. Mr. Nobles introduced Judy Randall, Evaluation Manager, who organized the topic selection process again this year.

Representative Hansen said he would go through the list of topics and each member would indicate whether they had interest in it as an evaluation topic. The topics with the most “votes” would become “semi-finalists” and be included on a survey of all legislators. The goal was to narrow the list of 117 topics down to 9-11 larger and 5-6 smaller evaluation topics. After the entire list was read through, Representative Hansen read the lists submitted by the two absent members, Senators Limmer and Metzen. The topics with the most interest were chosen.

The smaller evaluation topics selected by the subcommittee for further consideration were:

- Perpich Center for Arts Education
- Minnesota State High School League
- Department of Commerce Unclaimed Property Fund
- Agricultural Commodity Councils
- State Employee Union “Fair Share” Calculations
- MnDOT Sound Barrier Policy

Representative Falk moved to have the above 6 topics be on the list for further consideration; motion prevailed.

The larger evaluation topics selected by the subcommittee for further consideration were:

- Medical Services in Correctional Facilities
- Office of Higher Education State Grant Program
- Regulated Public Utilities with a focus on PUC
- DNR Use of Dedicated Accounts from Recreational License and User Fees
- DNR Timber Management/Including Sustainable Forest Incentive Act
- Government Data Practices Act
- Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative
- Managed Care Organizations' Administrative Costs
- MnDOT Pavement Selection Process
- Event Ticket Practices at Publicly Funded Venues
- Councils of Color

Representative Falk moved to have the above 11 topics be on the list for further consideration; motion prevailed.

With no further business, Representative Hansen adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

Shelly Watterud, Recording Secretary