

**Minutes**  
**EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**Legislative Audit Commission**  
**March 23, 2016**

Members Present:

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair  
Representative Connie Bernardy  
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer  
Senator Warren Limmer

Other Legislators Present:

Representative Sondra Erickson  
Representative Phyllis Kahn  
Representative Duane Quam  
Representative Linda Runbeck  
Senator Michelle Benson  
Senator Roger J. Reinert  
Senator Ann H. Rest

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair, called the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) Evaluation Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to select evaluation topics to recommend to the full LAC.

Representative Hansen asked Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor, and Judy Randall, Deputy Legislative Auditor, for an overview of the topics under consideration for final selection. Ms. Randall walked through the topic-selection process thus far, and explained the materials in the members' packets. She noted that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) had received 151 responses to its legislative survey, indicating a good level of participation from legislators. Mr. Nobles said that although the evaluation of "University of Minnesota Research Using Human Fetal Tissue" had been one of the topics on the survey, he planned to complete a special review of that topic. He said that since he is already interacting with University staff to complete a follow-up review of the University of Minnesota Psychiatric program, he would be able to more effectively work on the fetal tissue topic in the same manner. Ms. Randall then listed the five topics with the most votes on the survey and briefly described each topic (Clean Water Legacy Fund Outcomes, Home- and Community-Based Services, Minnesota State High School League, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Standardized Student Testing).

Representative Bernardy moved the top five topics for recommendation to the LAC for final approval. Senator Limmer said that he had not received a single comment from constituents regarding the Minnesota State High School League, and therefore, he was only comfortable moving the top four topics for consideration. Representative Bernardy withdrew her motion for selecting the top five topics and moved the top four topics instead. The motion passed to recommend the following four topics to the full LAC:

Clean Water Legacy Fund Outcomes  
Home- and Community-Based Services  
Perpich Center for Arts Education  
Standardized Student Testing

Further discussion on selecting a fifth topic followed. Finally, Senator Kiffmeyer recommended keeping with how members had voted on the survey and motioned that the Minnesota State High School League topic be added to the final list of topics to be recommended to the full LAC. The motion prevailed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

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Maureen Garrahy, Recording Secretary