

Minutes
EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Legislative Audit Commission
March 27, 2019

Members Present:

Representative Connie Bernardy
Representative Rick Hansen
Representative Duane Quam
Senator Nick A. Frentz

Members Absent:

Senator Mark W. Koran

Representative Bernardy, Chair, called the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) Evaluation Subcommittee meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to select evaluation topics to be placed on the survey of legislators.

Judy Randall, Deputy Legislative Auditor, provided an overview of items in members' folders. She explained that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) staff had prepared a preliminary review of the 15 topics the subcommittee had chosen at the last meeting. Ms. Randall said that they needed to reduce the 15 topics down to 10 to place on a survey to gauge legislators' interest. She then ran through each topic, providing information on size and scope. She also said that Senator Koran had given her his top eight topics since he would either be late to the meeting or not be able to attend at all.

Members discussed the list of most promising topics according to OLA's assessment. It was decided that the Board of Animal Health Oversight of Companion Animals and Commercial Breeders and Liquor Regulation would not be good topics at this time. Representative Hansen moved the following list of topics to be on the legislative survey:

- Compensatory Education Revenue
- Driver Education
- Fisheries Management and Hatcheries
- Licensing and Oversight of Child Care Centers
- Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- Personal Care Assistance
- Pesticide Regulation
- Probation Practices
- Public Utilities Commission
- Safety in State Correctional Facilities

The motion prevailed.

Representative Hansen then moved the Data Center Sales Tax Incentive to be the economic development topic; the motion prevailed.

There was a brief discussion about the size of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Probation Practices topics. It was decided that OLA should scope these topics before being placed on the legislative survey, so that legislators would not be confused if those topics were chosen and then narrowed in scope after the fact. Members decided that the PUC evaluation would focus on the commission's public engagement processes, and the Probation Practices evaluation would focus on the extent to which probation sentencing and practices are consistent statewide.

With no further business, Representative Bernardy adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Representative Connie Bernardy
Evaluation Subcommittee Chair

Shelly Gilb
Recording Secretary