

# Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

## **Present:**

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair

Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Vice Chair

Sen. Julie Rosen

Sen. Melissa Wiklund

Rep. Mohamud Noor

Rep. Bob Vogel

Eric Hallstrom for Britta Reitan, MMB (ex-officio)

Bill Marx, Chief Fiscal Analyst, House of Representatives (ex-officio)

Eric Nauman, Lead Fiscal Analyst, Senate (ex-officio)

## **Excused:**

Sen. Richard Cohen

Rep. Jerry Hertaus

James Nobles, Legislative auditor (ex-officio)

Sen. Kiffmeyer, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting was live-streamed to the public via YouTube.

A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Rep. Carlson moved approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

## **2020 Fiscal Note Statistics**

Jim Carlson, LBO Analyst, presented a summary of the 2020 fiscal note activity.

Rep. Noor suggested identifying which special session fiscal notes originated from for the 2020 special sessions.

## **Overview of Stakeholder Survey**

Maren Bardal, LBO Analyst, presented a summary of findings from a stakeholder satisfaction survey the Legislative Budget Office conducted.

Discussion centered on encouraging the LBO to continue to seek feedback from stakeholders and institute processes to support continuous improvement in the office.

## **Updates to the Uniform Standards and Procedures**

Carlos Güereca, LBO Analyst, presented an overview of the changes proposed to the Fiscal Note Uniform Standards and Procedures. There were no major changes. The proposed changes made were to clarify,

correct technical issues, and provide consistent language in the document, based on internal review and feedback from external stakeholders.

Rep. Carlson motioned to accept the changes and authorize the Legislative Budget Office to make technical corrections to the Fiscal Note Uniform Standards and Procedures prior to publication on the LBO website. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **FY21 and FY22-23 Operating Budget**

Michelle Weber, LBO Director, presented an overview of the Legislative Budget Office FY 21 and FY22-23 Operating Budget. Current funding will mean a significant reduction in funding for FY22-23, without any additional cost cuts.

Rep. Vogel spoke to the importance of the LBO being properly funded. He recommended that as the budget is put together next year, attention is paid to ensure the maximum efficiency out of the dollars spent. Sen. Kiffmeyer described the Legislative Budget Office, like the Office of the Revisor, as a critical function, and shared her appreciation for Ms. Weber laying things out so they have the facts to keep in mind as they make decisions.

### **LBO Director Transition Plan**

Michelle Weber, LBO Director, presented the transition plan to recruit and recommend to the commission a new LBO Director. Ms. Weber has accepted the position as Legislative Coordinating Commission Director, effective October 15, 2020.

Christian Larson, LBO Interim Director was introduced.

Rep. Carlson asked if candidates presented to the commission would be ranked or if they would all be presented with equal footing. The interview panel will decide how many to advance to the full commission and what that recommendation would be.

### **Potential Future Meeting Dates and Topics**

LBO Oversight Commission meeting to consider and confirm the new LBO Director.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.