

Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022

Present:

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer
Sen. John Marty
Sen. Melissa Wiklund
Rep. Peggy Scott
Rep. Steve Elkins
Rep. Mohamud Noor
Rep. Jerry Hertaus
Ahna Minge, MMB (ex-officio)
Eric Nauman, Lead Fiscal Analyst, Senate (ex-officio)
Emily Adriaens, Chief Fiscal Analyst, House of Representatives (ex-officio)

Excused:

Sen. Julie Rosen
Judy Randall, Office of the Legislative Auditor (ex-officio)

Rep. Hertaus, Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission to order at 11:00 a.m. in Capitol 120.

The commission welcomed Rep. Peggy Scott as a new member. Rep. Scott was recently appointed to replace Rep. Tony Albright after his resignation from the legislature. Ex-officio members Ahna Minge, MMB Budget Director, and Emily Adriaens, Chief Fiscal Analyst for the House of Representatives were also welcomed as new members since the last commission meeting.

A quorum was present.

Approval of minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the February 5, 2021 meeting minutes. Sen. Kiffmeyer moved to accept the minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Overview of LBO Director search process

Michelle Weber, Executive Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission described the process used to advertise, recruit, and interview candidates for the LBO Director position. The final interview panel recommends Christian Larson for appointment to the position of Director of the Legislative Budget Office.

Consideration of the appointment of the LBO director

Mr. Larson introduced himself and described his professional background. The commission members asked Mr. Larson interview questions about his experience and skill set.

Sen. Kiffmeyer moved to appoint Christian Larson as Director of the Legislative Budget Office for a term of six years, as provided under Minnesota Statutes 3.8853, Subd. 2, with a salary and start date to be reviewed and approved by the chair. The vote was unanimous. THE MOTION PREVAILED

Future meeting topics

Chair Hertaus mentioned that there may be changes to the Uniform Standards and Procedures that the LBO will need the commission to approve.

Sen. Kiffmeyer suggested the commission consider drafting legislation based on a bill Rep. Noor and Sen. Kiffmeyer proposed in the 2021/2022 session.

Senator Wiklund requested an update on the Tax Expenditure Review Commission (TERC) and the interaction between the LBO Oversight Commission and the TERC, given the role the LBO has in providing professional and technical support to that commission.

Other items as identified by the Chair

Chair Hertaus recognized two members of the commission who are retiring at the end of their term: Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer and Sen. Julie Rosen, and Rep. Tony Albright, who recently resigned prior to his planned retirement. Chair Hertaus also acknowledged his retirement at the end of the term. A certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the work of the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission was presented to the retiring members in attendance and will be sent to those absent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.