

Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

Present:

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair

Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Vice Chair

Sen. Julie Rosen

Sen. Melissa Wiklund

Rep. Bob Vogel

James Nobles, Legislative auditor (ex-officio)

Britta Reitan, Assistant Commissioner, MMB (ex-officio)

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

Excused:

Sen. Richard Cohen

Rep. Jerry Hertaus

Rep. Mohamud Noor

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

Sen. Kiffmeyer, Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. in Room G-3 of the Minnesota Capitol.

A quorum was present.

Member Questions on October 1, 2019, MMB Memo

Britta Reitan, Assistant Commissioner, MMB, presented an update on the MMB memo, and answered member questions.

Overview of LBO Process for Classified Unofficial Fiscal Notes

Michelle Weber, Legislative Budget Office Director, presented the outcome of a nonpartisan working group of the House, Senate, and LBO that worked to define the LBO's process for classified unofficial fiscal note requests.

Member questions were taken on the actions that would make a classified unofficial fiscal note public information under M.S. 13.64.

LBO 2019 Report

Ms. Weber summarized the content of the 2019 LBO Report.

LBO Director and Staff Performance Evaluation Policy

Chair Kiffmeyer outlined the LBO Director and Staff Performance Evaluation Policy. Vice Chair. Carlson moved to approve the policy. Senator Rosen seconded the motion. MOTION PREVAILED.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Rosen moved approval of the minutes from the August 1, 2019, October 8, 2019, and December 16, 2019 meetings. Representative Vogel seconded the motion. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Potential Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Chair Kiffmeyer suggested quarterly meetings, with the next one occurring after the conclusion of the current session. A topic of future discussion is the criteria by which a classified unofficial fiscal note becomes public information along with proposed statutory changes.

Rep. Vogel suggested a future meeting topic: reviewing fiscal notes to encourage the continuous improvement of fiscal note estimates.

Civic Engagement

Mr. Rick Heller, unofficial representative of the twice exceptional and people with print disabilities testified, encouraging support for digital accessibility.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.