

Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2020

Present:

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair

Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Vice Chair

Sen. Julie Rosen

Sen. Melissa Wiklund

Rep. Mohamud Noor

Rep. Jerry Hertaus

Rep. Bob Vogel

James Nobles, Legislative Auditor (ex-officio)

Britta Reitan, MMB (ex-officio)

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

Excused:

Sen. Richard Cohen

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

Sen. Kiffmeyer, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission to order at 1:04 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was live-streamed to the public via YouTube.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the October 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Rep. Vogel moved to accept the minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Consider the Recommendation to Appoint the LBO Director

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 Krista Carsner for appointment to the position of Director of the Legislative Budget Office.

Ms. Carsner introduced herself described her professional background. The commission members asked Ms. Carsner interview questions about her experience and skill set.

Rep. Carlson moved to appoint Krista Lee Carsner 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 and vice-chair. The vote was unanimous. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Potential Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Sen. Wiklund requested the commission members receive a list of potential meeting topics for future meetings. Ms. Weber will send that information to the commission members to review before the next meeting.

Sen. Kiffmeyer advised the commission it may be a good idea to schedule a meeting early in the new year, after the transition to the new legislative session and the new LBO Director takes place.

Other Items as Identified by the Chair

Rep. Carlson and Rep. Vogel both expressed their appreciation to Ms. Weber for the work she has accomplished in establishing the Legislative Budget Office. Sen. Kiffmeyer moved to commend Michelle Weber for her work as the first Director of the Legislative Budget Office; the commission is grateful and thankful for that work. The vote was unanimous. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Kiffmeyer made a motion to express the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission's thanks to Christian Larson for serving as the Interim Director. The vote was unanimous. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Kiffmeyer recognized the three members of the commission who did not run for reelection and are retiring at the end of their term: Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Sr., as the Ways and Means Committee Chair and served as the Vice Chair for this commission for the last two years, Rep. Bob Vogel, who previously served as the first commission chair and was the chief author of the house version of the bill creating the LBO, and Sen. Richard Cohen, past chair of the Senate Finance Committee who also served on the planning task force and this commission. A certificate of appreciate will be sent to each retiring member. Sen. Kiffmeyer moved to recognize Rep. Carlson, Rep. Vogel, and Sen. Cohen for their service on the Legislative Budget Office creation and its first two years of ongoing work. The vote was unanimous. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Rosen asked how the retiring members of the commission will be replaced. Sen. Kiffmeyer explained that House and Senate leadership will appoint the new commission members. Sen. Kiffmeyer will contact leadership to secure those appointments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.