

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Friday, September 20, 2013**

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The Arkansas Legislative Council met at 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 23, 2013 in Committee Room A of the Big Mac Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair John Charles Edwards called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Co-Chair Edwards referred the members to the minutes of the last Legislative Council meeting on July 19, 2013 (Exhibit C) and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. **Senator Dismang moved the adoption of the minutes of the July 19, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

**Presentation of Revenue Reports**

Annual Revenue Report

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Richard Wilson, Assistant Director for Research Services with the Bureau of Legislative Research, who stated he would be presenting three revenue reports today. Mr. Wilson stated the first report is the Annual Revenue Report for fiscal year 2012-2013 (Exhibit D.1) and noted that the first page reflects gross collections for the last ten (10) years along with the percentage of increase or decrease in collections for each year. Also reflected on the first page is the gross collections of income tax compared with collections of sales and use tax since fiscal year 1984-1985 along with the percentage of increase and the percentage of increase per one cent. The income tax collections for the most recent year is at \$3.6 billion, the sales and use tax collections for the most recent year at \$2.15 billion, and that right now one cent of sales and use tax collection are worth approximately \$480 million per penny. Mr. Wilson stated that pages two through five reflect the gross collections of all general and special revenues, with the gross totals reflected at the bottom of page four showing gross general revenue collections at \$6.22 billion and gross special revenue collections at \$1.77 billion. Mr. Wilson stated the net collections for general and special revenue collections are reflected on page 5, with net general revenue collections at \$5.027 billion and net collections in special revenues at \$1.72 billion. Mr. Wilson stated that pages six through nine of the report reflect the distribution of both general and special revenue and shows where all the revenue went, with the gross distributions including the general revenue surplus shown at the bottom of page eight and the adjusted net revenue available for distribution is shown at the bottom of page nine. On pages ten and eleven of the report is a comparison of fiscal year 2013 with fiscal year 2012 distributions of general revenue along with the percentage of the total revenue and the percentage of increase or decrease in the last two columns. On the last page of the report, page twelve, is the same

comparison for the Educational Excellence Trust Fund. There were no questions regarding this report.

#### July 2013 Revenue Report

Mr. Wilson continued his report with the July 2013 monthly revenue report (Exhibit D.2). Mr. Wilson stated that for the first month of fiscal year 2014, gross collections were \$5.5 million dollars over the first month of collections from last year for a growth rate of 1.2 percent. The net revenue collected in July 2013 was \$6.3 million dollars for a growth rate of 1.6 percent. The first page of the graph shows that during the first month collections were \$7.6 million dollars ahead of the forecast.

#### August 2013 Revenue Report

Referring to the August 2013 revenue report (Exhibit D.3), Mr. Wilson stated that during the second month of fiscal year 2014, gross collections were \$24.5 million ahead of last year for a growth rate of 2.8 percent. The net revenue available for distribution is \$25 million ahead of the same time period last year for a growth rate of 3.2 percent. The graph reflects that for the first two months, collections were \$13.3 ahead of the forecast. The spreadsheet reflects that collections of income taxes is flat, which may be due to the timing of payroll. The spreadsheet shows a 7 percent growth rate in sales tax, half of which is attributable to audits. There were no questions regarding the July 2013 or the August 2013 revenue reports.

### **The Alexander Report**

Co-Chair Edwards informed the members that the Executive Subcommittee did not meet this month, but the Bureau of Legislative Research has received report resulting from the contract with The Alexander Group, LLC regarding a study of Medicaid. The final report is ready to be released, but since the Executive Subcommittee did not meet, the Legislative Council may refer this report to either the House and Senate Committees on Public, Health, Welfare and Labor or the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee of the Legislative Council. Co-Chair Edwards asked for comments from the members.

**Senator Jonathan Dismang was recognized and he moved that the Legislative Council refer the report entitled “Review of Arkansas’s Medicaid and Public-Welfare System” as submitted by the Alexander Group, LLC to the Senate and House Committees on Public Health Welfare and Labor for review. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Edwards informed members that the report is now referred to the Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor and is now available to members of the General Assembly and the public.

## Standing Subcommittees

Co-Chair Edwards referred members to the reports of the standing subcommittees and stated that reports from the subcommittees meeting during this month would be heard.

### Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Johnny Key to present the report of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Exhibit F.1). Senator Key reported that the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee met on August 20, 2013 and reviewed a number of rules, with the exception of the rules from the Department of Human Services regarding subsidized guardianship policy and extended foster care that were deferred for review until the September 11, 2013 meeting. Senator Key reported the rule from the Department of Human Services regarding Episode 1-13 and State Plan Amendment having to do with ODD and Payment Improvement Initiative episode was re-referred to the interim Public Health Committees.

Senator Key reported that the subcommittee also met on September 11, 2013 and reviewed all agenda items, which included the Department of Human Services rules deferred from the August 20, 2013 meeting. Rules from the Arkansas Department of Economic Development on the New Market Jobs Act of 2013 were pulled down by the agency for more work. Senator Bill Sample presented the report from the Senate Interim Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs and the House Interim Committee on Public Transportation concerning the rule entitled "Restore Sign Visibility Policy" submitted by the Department of State Highway and Transportation. Senator Sample reported that the action of the committees on the rule was to review the rule with the exception of the \$10,000.00 fine. Representative John Burris presented the report from the Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and reported the action of the committees was to review the rules submitted by the Department of Human Services on Episodes of Care 1-13 and ODD and also reviewed the rules submitted by the Board of Examiners in Counseling. Senator Key reported that after discussion, the Subcommittee on Administrative Rules and Regulations made the determination to not review and to hold in committee the rules submitted by the Board of Examiners in Counseling. There were no questions.

**Senator Johnny Key moved the report of the Subcommittee on Administrative Rules and Regulations be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and passed by a voice vote.**

### Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Stephanie Flowers to present the report of the Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee (Exhibit F.2). Senator Flowers reported that the Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met jointly with the Joint Performance Review Committee and the Senate and House Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs on August 26 and August 27, 2013.

The committees met at the Southeast Arkansas Community Correction Center in Pine Bluff on August 26, and heard a report from Ray Hobbs, Director of the Department of Correction, concerning the inmate population and prison bed capacity with a projection of the new beds that are being planned. Also that day, Sheila Sharp, Director of the Department of Community Correction, presented information on the implementation of best practices programs deemed to be evidence based. These programs will be funded for a minimum of twelve (12) months and tracked for success in reducing recidivism and successful reintegration of offender into the community. Veter Howard, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Community Correction, presented a report concerning the training process of parole and probation officers.

The committees met at the Arkansas Department of Correction Ouachita River Unit in Malvern on August 27, and the committees observed several parole hearings conducted by Chairman John Felts. On that day also, the committees toured the Ouachita River Unit and the Omega Technical Violation Center. There were no questions.

**Senator Stephanie Flowers moved that the report of the Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

#### Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Butch Wilkins to present the report of the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee (Exhibit F.4). Representative Wilkins reported that the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee met on September 26, 2013 at the River Wind Lodge in Ponca, Arkansas, and then met again on September 27, 2013 at Contran Properties in Ozark, Arkansas. Representatives of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission presented information on the elk population that included a slide presentation and a tour of the Ponca Elk Education Center. Wes Wright, the Elk Program Coordinator with the Game and Fish Commission discussed the elk herd history in Arkansas and the efforts to restore the elk population. Charlie Bonner, a retired Wildlife Officer, presented a slide presentation of the Youth Hunt for Children held at Deer Mountain in Ozark, Arkansas, which is an annual event for children with special needs. Mr. Bonner also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dave Kinney, Contran Properties Manager, on behalf of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, for Mr. Kinney's efforts and planning of the Youth Hunt each year. There were no questions.

**Representative Butch Wilkins moved that the report of the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

#### Higher Education Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Joyce Elliott to present the report of the Higher Education Subcommittee (Exhibit F.5). Senator Elliott reported that the Subcommittee on Higher Education met on September 19, 2013 and heard an update from Shane Broadway, Interim Director of the Department of Higher Education, on the status of scholarship programs currently administered by the department, which was informative and at times unsettling. The

subcommittee will be reviewing all of the scholarships that are not funded by the lottery. The subcommittee has some issues with the funding of scholarships for persons who go out of state to pursue an education for certain vocations and these issues will be a special item for the subcommittee for the purpose of evaluating those programs and to make recommendations prior to the fiscal session. The subcommittee also heard an update on the Vision 2025 Commission that was established as a result of legislation during the session for the purpose of setting a path and a sustainable way of reaching their goals. The subcommittee also heard a presentation on the National Merit Scholarship application process and it became apparent that steps would need to be taken to make sure that all parents and students are informed of the National Merit Scholarship and the National Achievement Scholarships. Senator Elliott reported that the next meeting of the subcommittee will be on October 8, 2013 in Monticello, Arkansas, at the community college for a discussion of equity in higher education funding and a discussion of the scholarships mentioned previously in the report. Senator Elliott later corrected her report to note that the October 8, 2013 meeting will be at Morrilton, Arkansas instead of Monticello, Arkansas. There were no questions.

**Senator Joyce Elliott moved that the report of the Higher Education Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and passed by a voice vote.**

#### Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Bruce Maloch to present the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee (Exhibit F.8). Senator Maloch reported that the PEER Subcommittee met on September 5, 2013 and the subcommittee approved the Governor's GIF set-Aside request in the amount of \$340,510.00 for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture for environmental studies with the Buffalo River watershed. All other agenda items were reviewed. There were no questions.

**Senator Bruce Maloch moved that the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and was passed by voice vote.**

#### Policy-Making Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Linda Chesterfield to present the report of the Policy-Making Subcommittee (Exhibit F.9). Senator Chesterfield reported that the Policy-Making Subcommittee met on September 20, 2013 to discuss the sole-source contract between the State and Carreiro and Associates to provide actuarial services. The subcommittee passed a motion to approve the contract between the Bureau of Legislative Research and Osborn, Carreiro and Associates. Senator Chesterfield answered several questions regarding the contract.

**Senator Linda Chesterfield moved that the report of the Policy-Making Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Jody Dickinson to present the report of the Review Subcommittee, but then recognized Representative Andy Davis. **Representative Andy Davis moved that Attachment A to the Review Subcommittee Report, which is the contract between the Insurance Department and Mangan Holcomb Partners, be moved to the end of the calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Edwards asked Representative Dickinson to continue with the Review Subcommittee report with the exception of the contract on Attachment A. Representative Dickinson reported that a request was received for the direct review by the Legislative Council of contracts for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division of the Department of Career Education (Exhibit F.10a) and staff is distributing this request to the members at this time. Representative Dickinson stated the projects included in these contracts are: (1) the repair of the water system to meet code standards and the renovation of the recently acquired Army Reserve Center, and (2) design services relevant to the renovation project at the Hot Springs campus of the Arkansas Career Training Institute. The Army Reserve Center has a federal conveyance clause that requires the facility to be remodeled and operational by May 2014 or risk revocation of the donation to the state. Representative Dickinson stated that time limits and a delay of more than a month for the routine review process would place the project and funding at risk and a request was made to suspend the rules and consider the contracts.

**Representative Jody Dickinson moved that the rules be suspended to allow the consideration of the request from the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division of the Department of Career Education for review of the contract with Witsell Evans Rasco Architects and the alternative delivery construction contract with Carson and Associates. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

**Representative Jody Dickinson moved that the professional consultant services contract between Witsell Evans Rasco Architects and the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education for design services relevant to the renovation project at the Hot Springs campus of the Arkansas Career Training Institute and alternative delivery construction contract between Carson and Associates and the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education for the repair of the water system to meet code standards and the renovation of the recently acquired Army Reserve Center. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Edwards asked Representative Dickinson to continue with the report of the Review Subcommittee. Representative Dickinson reported that the Review Subcommittee met on August 7, 2013 and met again on September 4, 2013 and the items reviewed are reflected in the Review Subcommittee reports in the members packets, with the exception of the contract that was moved to the end of today's calendar.

**Representative Dickinson moved that the Review Subcommittee report be adopted with the exception of Attachment A, which is the contract between the Insurance Department and Mangan Holcomb Partners. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by voice vote.**

#### Personnel Subcommittee

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Andrea Lea to present the report of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee (Exhibit F.11). Representative Lea reported that the Personnel Subcommittee met on September 18, 2013 and reviewed the following: quarterly employment report for the fourth quarter of 2013; reports of grid movements and usage by multiple agencies for July and August 2013; provisional position reports from the two-year and four-year institutions of higher education for fiscal year 2013; reports from the Department of Finance and Administration on the usage and the approval of the exceptionally well-qualified; request by the Public Service Commission and the Department of Arkansas Heritage for increased entry rates for exceptionally well-qualified applicants; request from the Department of Workforce Services for second language differential for one employee who uses Spanish at least twenty-five percent of her time in the course of her duties; request from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas School for the Blind for swap pool positions (old positions were swapped for new positions); a request from Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for a position from the growth pool; a request to establish a new Department of Higher Education central pool position for the Arkansas Community College at Hope; and a request from the Arkansas Insurance Department to re-approve a special entry rate for part-time, off-duty police officers that patrol the Insurance Department's facilities and surrounding area. Representative Lea reported that also included in this report was an emergency request made by the Department of Finance and Administration for swap and growth pool positions at the Parole Board and the Department of Community Corrections and a request to allow an employee filling the new position at the Department of Community Corrections to keep her current salary although she would be taking a lower-grade position from her previous position at the Department of Correction. Lastly, Representative Lea reported the September report includes two positions at the College of the Ouachitas and four positions at Cossatot Community College from the Department Higher Education growth pool that were reviewed in July, but did not make it in the report to the Legislative Council in July. There were no questions.

**Representative Andrea Lea moved that the report of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Edwards and was passed by a voice vote.**

#### **Reports of Interim or Special Committees**

##### Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Mary Slinkard to present the report of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology (Exhibit G.1). Representative Slinkard reported that the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and

Information Technology met on September 17, 2013 and reviewed the request from the Department of Information Systems to make rate adjustments of fiscal year 2014. The projected net rate increase across all agencies is \$209,290 per month or \$1,883,690 for the fiscal year with an October 1, 2013 effective date. Representative Slinkard reported that the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology favorably reviewed the request and submits the recommendation to the Legislative Council.

**Representative Mary Slinkard moved that the Department of Information Systems request to make rate adjustments of fiscal year 2014 be filed as reviewed. The motion was seconded by Representative House and was passed by a voice vote.**

#### Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Senator Uvalde Lindsey to present the report of the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism (Exhibit G.2). Senator Lindsey reported that the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism is pleased to submit the annual report to the Legislative Council pursuant to Act 1272 of 2009. Senator Lindsey informed the members that the report presents the accomplishments of the task force during the last twelve months ending August 31, 2013, which include the following: the implementation of the private option dealing with the expansion of Medicaid to include developmentally disabled children; the Community First Choice Options that take into consideration the needs of those that are developmentally disabled; insurance coverage; and the Medicaid Waiver; and fighting to retain those slots with CMS. Senator Lindsey reported that the task force has worked to develop an agenda for going forward in the field of special education, which include: laws and regulations relating to the use of restraints and seclusion; how to make individual education plans (IEPs) more friendly for kids with special needs and their families; how to disseminate a broader range of better information through web-based entities to adequately reach the people in the state who could use these services; and to expand the standardization of training programs. Senator Lindsey stated the task force is pleased that Smart 911 is in place and that training has been done for first responders in how to deal with people with disabilities. There were no questions regarding the report.

Co-Chair Edwards stated that no action is required and thanked Senator Lindsey for the report.

#### **Review of Communications**

Co-Chair Edwards referred members to the communications listed as items H.1 through H.7 on the agenda and stated these items do not require action by the Legislative Council and asked if there were any questions on these items. There were no questions.

#### Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Co-Chair Edwards stated the first item requiring action is the request from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System for review of investments, submitted pursuant to A.C.A § 19-11-1303, with the following: (1) Macquarie Infrastructure Partners III, L.P.; (2) Assignment of the Farmland Management Agreement from HFMS, Inc. to Halderman Real Assets Management, LLC; and (3) Vista Foundation Fund II, L.P. (Exhibit H.8a).



Co-Chair Edwards recognized Wayne Greathouse, Associate Director of Investments with the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, to respond to questions. Mr. Greathouse explained that on private equity investments, especially in real estate, you must move quickly in order to invest. He stated that if consultants recommend an investment that closes before the Legislative Council meets, then the investment is submitted under the imminent need statute to allow the ATRS to invest. Mr. Greathouse then answered questions about these investments.

Co-Vice Chair Rice asked if there were any further questions regarding the request from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System for review of investments, submitted pursuant to A.C.A § 19-11-1303, with the following: (1) Macquarie Infrastructure Partners III. L.P.; (2) Assignment of the Farmland Management Agreement from HFMS, Inc. to Halderman Real Assets Management, LLC; and (3) Vista Foundation Fund II, L.P. (Exhibit H.8a) or any questions regarding the request from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System for the Legislative Council's review of the partial equity ownership investment with Cerberus Institutional Real Estate Partners III, L.P., submitted pursuant to A.C.A § 19-11-1302. There were no questions and Co-Vice Chair Rice noted asked if there was a motion to review these investments.

**Senator Lindsey moved that the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System investments with Macquarie Infrastructure Partners III. L.P.; Assignment of the Farmland Management Agreement from HFMS, Inc. to Halderman Real Assets Management, LLC; and Vista Foundation Fund II, L.P. (Exhibit H.8a) and the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System investment with Cerberus Institutional Real Estate Partners III, L.P. (Exhibit H.8b) be filed as reviewed . The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Vice Chair Rice referred members to the communications listed as items H.9 through H.14 and stated these items do not require action by the Legislative Council and asked if there were any questions on these items. There were no questions.

#### Arkansas Department of Rural Services

Co-Vice Chair Rice stated the next item requiring action is the request from the Arkansas Department of Rural Services for Legislative Council's approval of funding for rural community development grants for Cycle 1 of Fiscal Year 2014, submitted pursuant to Section 12 of Act 150 of the 2013 Regular Session (Exhibit H.15). Co-Vice Chair Rice recognized John Andrews, Director of the Department of Rural Services, to explain the request.

Mr. Andrews identified himself as the Director of the Department of Rural Services and explained the request before the committee is funding recommendations for Cycle 1 of fiscal year 2014 for the rural community grant program and then answered questions regarding the process for recommending funding of grant requests.

**Representative David Branscum moved that the recommendations by the Department of Rural Services for funding of rural community development grants for Cycle 1 of Fiscal Year 2014 be approved. The motion was seconded and was passed by voice vote.**

Department of Workforce Services

Co-Chair Edwards stated the last item that requires action by the Legislative Council is the request from the Department of Workforce Services for the Legislative Council's review of the sale of an office building for less than the appraised amount that is submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-6-601 (Exhibit H.16b). Co-Chair Edwards recognized Danny Lewis with the Department of Workforce Services to respond to questions.

Mr. Lewis explained the property is a building in Newport, Arkansas, that was vacated two years ago when the Department relocated to a two-year campus in Newport. Mr. Lewis stated that the old building located at 401 Walnut has fallen into disrepair and the city and numerous state agencies were contacted over a three-year time period regarding this property and none of these entities expressed an interest in obtaining it. Mr. Lewis responded to questions. Co-Chair Edwards recognized Ann Laidlaw, Director of the Arkansas Building Authority, who also responded to questions regarding this property.

**Senator Bruce Maloch moved that the sale of an office building, located at 401 Walnut in Newport, Arkansas, for less than the appraised amount by the Department of Workforce Services be filed as reviewed. The motion was seconded and was passed by a voice vote.**

Co-Chair Edwards referred members to the communications listed as items H.17 through H.19 on the agenda and stated these items do not require action by the Legislative Council and asked if there were any questions on these items. There were no questions.

**New Proposals and Resolutions**

Co-Chair Edwards referred members to the new interim study proposals in their packets and asked if there was a motion to refer these to the appropriate committee.

**Senator Uvalde Lindsey moved that Interim Study Proposal 2013-168 (Exhibit J.1) by Representative Denny Altes be referred to the House Committee on Judiciary. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

**Representative Douglas House moved that Interim Study Proposal 2013-171 (Exhibit J.2) by Senator Missy Irvin be referred to the Interim Senate Committee on Children and Youth. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.**

**Recess of the Meeting**

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Douglas House who asked if this was the point on the agenda where the Insurance Department contract with Mangan Holcomb Partners is to be considered pursuant to the motion passed earlier. Co-Chair Edwards answered that it is the time for this item.

Representative House commented that he had been contacted by a number of his constituents with concerns about this contract and asking that he conduct a thorough review of it himself. Representative House also commented that he was informed yesterday during another committee meeting that the United States Department of Health and Human Services is due to release financial information that will affect this contract and that this is critical information.

**Representative Douglas House moved that the Legislative Council recess and that the chairmen call a special order of business on some date after Monday, with at least two days' notice, so that the Insurance Department contract with Mangan Holcomb Partners can be given a thorough vetting in light of the information due to be released on Monday. The motion was seconded by Senator Chesterfield.**

Co-Chair Edwards recognized Representative Dotson who asked what the additional information would change in regard to the contract. Co-Chair Edwards stated that the motion was not debatable.

**Co-Chair Edwards called for a voice vote on the motion by Representative House and the motion was passed by voice vote.**

At 10:25 a.m., Co-Chair Edwards stated that the Legislative Council is in recess until the call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative John Charles Edwards  
Co-Chair, House

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Marty Garrity  
Executive Secretary