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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: August 17, 2004
Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: John L. Bartlett, Chairperson; Mary Fink; Jon O'Bannon;
Stephen A. Stitle; Michael Browning; Jean Blackwell; Lee
Marchant; David Link; Ian Rolland.

Members Absent: None.

I. Introduction and Welcome of Members

Mr. John Bartlett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Chairman asked the members to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of minutes from first meeting

The Chairman offered two technical amendments to the previously distributed minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting.

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A motion to adopt the minutes as amended was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

III. Discussion about the methodology for proposing, adopting, and presenting the Commission's recommendations

The Chairman reminded the Commission of their statutory charge requiring a recommendation on 13 salaries before September 1, 2004. The Chairman asked for input from the Commission regarding the preparation of a report for approval at their last meeting.

The Commission discussed the issue, and decided to allow the Chairman and staff to prepare and circulate a draft copy report. This draft would be for discussion purposes with each Commissioner being asked to suggest changes and comments. The revised draft report will serve as the starting point for the Commission's deliberations at the third meeting.

Mr. Stephen Stittle recommended that there be only one Commission report, instead of separate opinions from each Commissioner.

Ms. Jean Blackwell agreed, and asked that the report focus only on the short term requirement of the 13 salary recommendations. She also asked that the report be circulated at least a few days prior to the next meeting to allow time for input from members.

Mr. Lee Marchant said that he too would recommend this first report focus solely on the 13 salaries. He said that his recommendation about finding a long term solution, would be better resolved by studying the issue in more detail in future meetings.

Mr. Sachtleben explained that any report on these salaries must be voted on at a public meeting. He also requested that any Commissioner wishing to have data researched before the third meeting, contact him as soon as possible. Mr. Sachtleben then reminded the Commission that they were allowed by statute to hire outside consultants to research a long term solution if they felt further expertise was necessary.

IV. Staff PowerPoint presentation

The Chairman then recognized Mr. Sachtleben to give a PowerPoint presentation on the following issues:

- Information requested at the first Commission meeting
- Survey of salary commission in other states

After this presentation, Ms. Blackwell asked about comparisons of surrounding state health care and pension plans.

Mr. Sachtleben responded that other states tended to have higher multipliers with their retirement benefits, and that otherwise Indiana's plans were comparable.

Ms. Mary Fink then requested that Mr. Sachtleben gather data comparing the number of session days historically that other state general assemblies have met versus Indiana's number of session days.

Mr. Marchant discussed his conversations with various legislators and judges on the number of hours they typically work. He then requested that Mr. Sachtleben gather data

on the workload of these public officers.

Mr. Stitle praised the LSA for their data collection and the PowerPoint presentation.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business for the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.