

MINUTES

Representative Mary Kiffmeyer convened the meeting of the Sunset Advisory Commission at 2:07 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Administrator noted the roll.

Members present:

Sharon Erickson Ropes, Public Member

Matt Entenza, Public Member

Javier Morillo, Public Member

Ruth Orrick, Public Member

Rep. King Banaian

Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer

Rep. Mike Nelson

Rep. Joyce Peppin

Senator Terri Bonoff

Senator Paul Gazelka

Senator Ted Daley

Member Excused:

Senator Mike Parry

A quorum was present.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Rep. Peppin motioned that Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer be elected the Chair and Senator Terri Bonoff be elected Vice-Chair. This was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Entenza moved adoption of the minutes from 11/14/2011. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed draft rules for the Commission. Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), gave an overview and highlights of the proposed draft rules. Mark Shepard, House Research Department, also answered questions pertaining to the draft rules. Chair Kiffmeyer motioned that the draft rules be approved. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Stephanie James, Senate Counsel, gave an overview of comparing the reporting requirements of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission versus the Minnesota Sunset Advisory Commission.

Several public appointed members of the Commission raised concerns about how to create a long term process for this Commission to operate, have adequate staffing and resources, and evaluating agencies to meet the legislative intent of the statute.

There was discussion of scheduling of future meetings. The following meeting schedule was tentatively approved: Thursday December 8th from 2pm to 6 pm; Friday December 9th 9 am to 3 pm; Monday December 12th 9 am to 3 pm; and Thursday December 15th 2 pm to 6 pm. Additional hearings would be held in January to seek public input.

Discussion of when agencies would be scheduled to appear before the board. Chair Kiffmeyer recommended that the Health Licensing Boards appear first before the Sunset Advisory Commission. She recommended 20 minutes each for each of the Health Licensing Boards to make presentations to the Commission and asked Greg Hubinger to have the LCC work out a schedule on the calendar for these boards to present.

Mr. Cory Wiberg, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, and Shirley Brekken, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, presented a brief overview of the health licensing boards.

Members asked why three of the health related licensing boards were not on the list to appear before the commission this year including the Board of Cosmetology, Barbers, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) board. Mark Shepard, House Research, mentioned that the boards scheduled to appear are codified in chapter 214. These groups will be asked if time permits in upcoming meetings to present before the Commission even though they are not set to sunset in June 2012.

A motion was made to adopt the Sunset Advisory Reporting Requirements as written in draft form with the understanding that members may request additional information from these agencies, councils and boards after they have presented before the Commission for further clarifications. The motion was adopted.

Rep. Banaian gave feedback on further defining of the reporting requirement that these agencies, boards and councils coming before the Commission present the organization's plan for a "Priority Based Budget". Rep. Banaian will email to staff and members of the commission his interpretation of Priority Based Budget language. Rep. Nelson asked that this be reviewed by Commission members for the next meeting to consider additional performance measures defining the priority based budget requirement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 8th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.