



Legislative Coordinating Commission

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To: Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission members

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RE: Legislative Coordinating Commission Overview

About the Legislative Coordinating Commission

The Minnesota Legislature has created nonpartisan joint legislative offices and commissions under the fiscal and administrative oversight of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), a governance body comprised of members of the House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. The LCC governance body is established in [Minn. Statutes 3.303](#) and works with the LCC office to review and approve budgets, identify the total staff complement, and establish the compensation of the employees of the joint legislative offices and commissions.

LCC Members

The LCC consists of the following 12 members, with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House alternating biennially as chair:

President of the Senate

Majority Leader of the Senate

Minority Leader of the Senate

Two Senate Majority Leader appointments

One Senate Minority Leader appointment

Speaker of the House

Majority Leader of the House

Minority Leader of the House

Two Speaker of the House appointments

One House Minority Leader appointment

LCC Office Overview

The LCC office serves as the umbrella organization for nonpartisan joint legislative offices, commissions, and other boards. Staff within the LCC office:

- Conduct research and provide administrative services to numerous commissions, councils, working groups, and task forces.
- Provide human resources, fiscal services, and operations support to joint legislative offices and commissions.
- Serve as the repository for statewide boundary information for legislative use, including mapping and data services through the Geographic Information Services Office.
- Fulfill the statutory requirements of the Office of Economic Status of Women.

- Coordinate inclusion, accessibility and language services across the legislature.
- Maintain Minnesota's Legacy website, which displays how funds from the Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are utilized throughout the state.

The LCC is charged with many additional activities that encompass the full legislature such as establishing a benefits plan for members and staff, facilitating arrangements for visiting international and state delegations to the legislature, and serving as a fiscal agent for multiple shared functions of the Minnesota Legislature.

LCC and the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission

The LCC has provided the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MN-MRPC) fiscal and administrative support for ongoing operations, contracts, purchases, requests for proposals, and legislative coordination. Historically, the MN-MRPC has also contracted for outside support that would help coordinate and implement additional work for the Commission. This has included marketing campaigns, in addition to some social media presence, occasional interviews, MRPC interpretive center and scenic byway partners outreach, coordination of National MRPC/MN-MRPC work, and coordination of Drive the Great River Road months.

Since bringing administration of the MN-MRPC within the LCC, the above activities have been more limited given the administrative duties and constraints of the LCC, as outlined in the Overview section. There have been ~bi-weekly postings to the MN-MRPC Facebook page as able, monitoring and responding to map requests, limited outreach to interpretive centers and byway partners (mostly for map requests), fiscal and administrative support for quarterly commission meetings, submitting MRPC letters of support for funding opportunities, limited data compiling/research, and assisting with the development and submission of river proclamations and resolutions.

Activities beyond those listed above may warrant discussion among the Commission members about contracting for more focused support, especially given the interest in the MN-MRPC potentially leading the development and implementation on some marketing projects for statewide Mississippi River outreach. Below are some examples of topics that have come up in recent MN-MRPC meetings where the commission may consider looking into contracted support that provides the expertise and support where the LCC could not.

- Intensive outreach with interpretive centers and other byway partners beyond what is already done.
- Increased social media presence/other original marketing content.
- Direct development and implementation of marketing campaigns.
- Coordination and implementation of Drive the Great River Road month (coordinating and conducting the work of the MN-MRPC's agency partners).
- Other activities beyond the narrower administrative and fiscal support of the MN-MRPC.

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