MINUTES Executive Board

Representative Steven Haugaard, Chair Senator Brock L. Greenfield, Vice Chair Senator Troy Heinert, Ranking Minority Member SOUTH DAKOTA

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Third Meeting, 2019 Interim Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Breakwater Room – Cedar Shore Resort
Oacoma, South Dakota

The third meeting of the Executive Board for the 2019 Interim was called to order by Representative Steven Haugaard at 8:30 a.m. in the Breakwater Room at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, South Dakota. A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Representatives Randy Gross, Chris Johnson, John Mills, Sue Peterson, Lee Qualm, and Jamie Smith; Senators Jim Bolin, Kris Langer, Jim Stalzer, and Jim White; Senator Troy Heinert, Ranking Minority Member; Senator Brock L. Greenfield, Vice Chair; and Representative Steven Haugaard, Chair. Excused: Representative Spencer Gosch and Senator Bob Ewing.

Staff members present included Jason Hancock, Director; Sue Cichos, Deputy Director; Doug Decker, Code Counsel; David Ortbahn, Chief Analyst for Research and Legal; Tamara Darnall, Chief Fiscal and Program Analyst; and Scott Darnall, Information Technology Manager.

NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting are attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council office.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Senator Greenfield, seconded by Senator Bolin, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 23, 2019, Executive Board meeting. Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Non-Legislator Appointments to Mental Health Task Forces

During the 2019 Legislative Session, five interim task forces were established in SCR 2 with the intention of looking at sustainable improvements to the continuum of mental health services in South Dakota. The Executive Board appointed the Legislators to each task force, including the Chair and Vice Chair, at the April Executive Board meeting. Each task force is also proposed to include five non-legislators and three state employees.

Senator Deb Soholt joined the meeting by phone to present a list of non-legislators as recommended by the SCR 2 task force chairs.

The task force chairs suggested the following non-legislative appointments -

Task Force #1: Amber Reints, Sioux Falls; Gary Marx, Aberdeen; Katie Sullivan, Rapid City; and two yet to be determined.

Task Force #2: Steve Lindquist, Sioux Falls; Tom Stanage, Yankton; Teri Corrigan, Rapid City; Barry Tice, Rapid City; Jill Franken, Sioux Falls.

Task Force #3: Brian Erickson, Sioux Falls; Kelly Serr, Bison; Rebecca Kiesow-Knudson, Sioux Falls; Dr. Melita (Chepa) Rank, Fort Thompson; awaiting confirmation from one person.

Task Force #4: Laura Wilson, Marion; Phil Samuelson, Sioux Falls; Tony Erickson, Yankton; Jeremy Johnson, Yankton; awaiting confirmation from one person.

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Task Force #5: Colleen Casavan, Spearfish; Jesse Bailey, Yankton; Wendy Giebink, Sioux Falls; Anne Kelly, Mitchell; Pam VanMeeteren, Yankton.

Senator Greenfield suggested adding Ms. Kari Johnson of Watertown to task force #1.

A motion was made by Senator Bolin, seconded by Representative Smith, to adopt the SCR 2 non-legislative task force members as suggested by the task force chairs with the addition of Ms. Kari Johnson to task force 1 and give the chairs authority to make the remaining citizen appointments. Motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 2 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Gross, Johnson, Mills, Peterson, Qualm, Smith, Bolin, Langer, Stalzer, White, Heinert, Greenfield, and Haugaard. EXCUSED: Gosch and Ewing.

Ms. Sue Cichos, Deputy Director, said the Executive Board is also to appoint state employees to the five SCR 2 task forces. The Executive Branch recommended Ms. Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, Interim Secretary, Department of Social Services, be appointed to all five of the task forces and Ms. Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Secretary, Department of Human Services, be appointed to task force #4. Mr. Jeremy Johnson with the Human Services Center was also recommended for task force #4 but was already selected to be a member by the task force chair.

A motion was made by Senator Greenfield, seconded by Senator Bolin, to add Ms. Amy Iversen-Pollreisz to all five SCR 2 task forces and add Ms. Shawnie Rechtenbaugh to task force #4 as recommended by the Executive Branch. Motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 2 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Gross, Johnson, Mills, Peterson, Qualm, Smith, Bolin, Langer, Stalzer, White, Heinert, Greenfield, and Haugaard. EXCUSED: Gosch and Ewing.

Representative Sue Peterson discussed additional people interested in serving on the SCR 2 task forces. There was some concern expressed about adding more people to the task forces, but these additional people could be considered for the vacant state employee seats on the task forces. Senator Greenfield suggested interested legislators could also be appointed to the vacant state employee seats.

Senator White said he is concerned about nominating people from other sources and the names should be given to the task force chairs for their consideration rather than the Executive Board making this decision.

A motion was made by Representative Peterson, seconded by Senator Greenfield, to appoint Ms. Amy Hartman, Sioux Falls, to SCR 2 task force #3 and Representative Chris Johnson to SCR 2 task force #4. Motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 11 voting AYE, 1 voting NAY, 3 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Gross, Johnson, Mills, Peterson, Qualm, Smith, Bolin, Langer, Stalzer, Greenfield, and Haugaard. Voting NAY: White. EXCUSED: Gosch, Ewing, and Heinert.

Representative Haugaard said the Executive Board can revisit possible additional appointments to the SCR 2 task forces at the June Board meeting.

Start Date for Legislatively Authorized Committees and Task Forces

Mr. Jason Hancock, Director, said traditional interim committees created by the Executive Board can begin meeting at any time during the interim. However, the majority of the interim committees this year were established through legislation that does not go into effect until July 1. The Executive Board will need to take action to allow these committees and task forces to start meeting prior to July 1.

A motion was made by Senator Greenfield, seconded by Representative Smith, to authorize the 2019 interim study committees and task forces including those established through 2019 legislation to begin holding meetings any time after today. Motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 2 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Gross, Johnson, Mills, Peterson, Qualm, Smith, Bolin, Langer, Stalzer, White, Heinert, Greenfield, and Haugaard. EXCUSED: Gosch and Ewing.

Public Testimony

Mr. Drew Duncan, Sioux Falls, representing Heartland Consumers Power District, testified that he is concerned with the members appointed to the Electric Services in an Annexed Area Interim Committee. After sharing his concerns, Mr. Duncan asked the Executive Board to consider making changes to the committee membership. The committee was established through SB 66 during the 2019 Legislative Session, and the members were appointed at the April 23rd Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Larry Nelson, Canton, representing SD Municipal Electric Association, said he agrees with Mr. Duncan's concerns and would like the opportunity to make changes to the membership as a fairness issue.

Representative Haugaard said the intent during the appointment process was to be fair and balanced in making the selections.

Senator Greenfield said the Executive Board received suggestions from the REA and from municipal groups and selected members from those lists as well as choosing three neutral members. No one spoke against the members selected at the April Executive Board meeting when the appointments were made, which would have been the appropriate time to share these concerns.

Representative Gross said there are nine capable people assigned to this committee and he supports the members selected at the April meeting. Representative Qualm agreed with Representative Gross, adding that it is time to move forward and get this study completed. Senator Heinert also commented that the membership is a good cross-section of South Dakota.

No action was taken.

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates are June 10 at the Investment Council office in Sioux Falls, August 26 in Pierre, and November 18 in Pierre.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Senator Bolin, seconded by Senator Greenfield, that the Executive Board be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 a.m.