

# **Collaborative Governance Council**

League of Minnesota Cities Building

145 University Avenue, St. Paul

Friday, February 11, 2011

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

## **Members Present**

Grace Keliher, Minnesota School Board Association

Mary Hamann-Roland, League of Minnesota Cities

Kyle Harnett, Minnesota Association of Townships

Ken Loeffler-Kemp, AFSCME

Valerie Rolstad, SEIU

Jack Swanson, Association of Minnesota Counties

Gary Westorff, Education Minnesota

Rebecca Otto, State Auditor, Chair

## **Members Absent**

Tom Hesse, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

## **Others Present**

Keith Carlson, Minnesota Inter-County Association

Karen Clayton Ebert, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

Tom Grundhoefer, League of Minnesota Cities (via phone)

Sonya Guggemos, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

Jennifer O'Rourke, League of Minnesota Cities

Nancy Schouweiler, Association of Minnesota Counties

Alice Seuffert, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

## **I. Call to Order**

- a. Chair Auditor Rebecca Otto called the meeting to order.

## **II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Jack Swanson moved to approve the minutes and Grace Keliher seconded; motion carried.

## **III. Discussion of MSBA Legislative Recommendation**

- a. The Council discussed draft language for legislation drafted by the League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota School Boards Association that would allow local governing bodies to meet outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a governmental unit in certain limited circumstances. After discussion, Gary Westorff moved to not adopt this proposed draft language, but to urge the Legislature to review the Open Meeting Law in the Council's recommendations in the final report. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Discussion of Joint Powers Proposed Legislation**

- a. Discussion continued from previous meeting about draft language for proposed legislation regarding joint powers. Tom Grundhoefer, General Counsel of the League of

Minnesota Cities and Karen Clayton Ebert and Sonya Guggemos from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust joined the discussion. Mr. Grundhoefer explained that the proposed legislation would clarify roles, rights and responsibilities for cooperative arrangements to allocate liability in a non-emergency response where there is no formal agreement.

- b. After much discussion, the Council agreed to work on adding language to the proposed legislation that would satisfy questions from some of the Council's members. Jack Swanson made a motion to rework the language of the legislation and Gary Westorff seconded. Gary Westorff agreed to work on the language. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. CGC Legislative Report**

- a. The Council considered officially supporting the Local Government Innovation & Redesign Guide in the Council's final report to the legislature. It was decided not to include any language in the final report on the Guide.
- b. The Council discussed changes in the draft of the Report as presented. Valerie Rolstad moved that the Chair finish drafting the Report and circulate it to the Council for approval by email. The State Auditor agreed to submit it the appropriate committees in the Legislature. Kyle Hartnett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. The Council agreed that if invited, the Chair would present the Report to the Legislature.

## **VI. Other Business**

- a. The Council agreed to reconvene in the fall.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- a. The Chair thanked the Council for their time and adjourned the meeting.