

# **Collaborative Governance Council**

League of Minnesota Cities  
145 University Ave W. St. Paul

Tuesday July 20th  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## **Members Present**

Kyle Hartnett, Minnesota Association of Townships  
Grace Keliher, Minnesota School Board Association  
Tom Loeffler-Kemp, AFSCME  
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor  
Valerie Rolstad, SEIU  
Jack Swanson, Association of Minnesota Counties  
Gary Westorff, Education Minnesota

## **Members Excused**

Mary Hamann-Roland, League of Minnesota Cities  
Tom Hesse, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

## **Others Present**

Thad Lucwiczak, Do-Good.Biz;  
Matt Toburen, SEIU  
John Thorson, AFSCME Council 5  
Representative Carol McFarlane  
Christine Scotillo, Office of Admin Hearings  
Valerie Dosland, MASA/MASBO Intermediate  
Scott Croonquist, Association of Metro School Districts  
Sam Walseth, MN Service Coops, MN Rural Education Association  
Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships  
Scott Simmons, Association of Minnesota Counties)  
Ann Olson, Animal Folks Minnesota  
Bill Barhart, North Metro Mayors  
Kevin Frazell, League of Minnesota Cities  
Jennifer O'Rourke, League of Minnesota Cities

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Introductions**

## **III. Council Process Discussion**

- a. A motion was made by Swanson, and seconded by Rolstad that at least six votes would be needed to pass an item, and that a council member can have a substitute from their association/organization appointed by that group to serve on the

council in their place when they cannot attend. The motion passed unanimously. Auditor Otto said her intention not to vote, but to Chair the meetings.

- b. It was decided that administrative duties would be rotated each meeting. Gary Westorf from Education Minnesota volunteered to provide someone to take notes at the next meeting.
- c. The Council decided to hold 4-2 hour meetings before the end of September. Additional meetings could be held if the Council decides it is necessary.

#### **IV. Topic Discussion**

- a. The Council brainstormed topics explore that would allow for more collaboration, cooperation and innovation in government. Chair Otto told the group they will receive a survey by email to rank the topics in order of priority for the Council to address.
- b. The Council agreed that anytime a topic is reviewed, the following areas will be considered:
  - i. Quality service delivery
  - ii. Accountability/oversight
  - iii. Consider unique issues for Greater Minnesota vs. Metro area
  - iv. Redundancy for costs

#### **V. Other Business**

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

- a. The next meeting was set for Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the League of Minnesota Building in St. Paul.
- b. Council members need to complete the survey before Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VII. Adjournment**