

Collaborative Governance Council

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

Thursday, October 21, 2010

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Members Present

Mary Hamann-Roland, League of Minnesota Cities

Kyle Harnett, Minnesota Association of Townships

Ken Loeffler-Kemp, AFSCME

Valerie Rolstad, SEIU

Kirk Schneidawind, Minnesota School Board Association (representing Grace Keliher)

Jack Swanson, Association of Minnesota Counties

Gary Westorff, Education Minnesota

Rebecca Otto, State Auditor, Chair

Others Present

Bruce Lombard, MSBA

Scott Croonquist, Association of Metro Schools

Valerie Dosland, Intermediate School Districts

Becca Pryse, Ewald Consulting

Jennifer O'Rourke, League of Minnesota Cities

Rachel Walker, League of Minnesota Cities

Shannon Guernsey, MHP

Robyn Sykes, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

Jane Hennagir, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

Sonya Guggemos, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

Dan Greensweig, League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

Keith Carlson, Minnesota Inter-County Association

Representative Carol McFarlane

I. Call to Order

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

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Gary Westorff moved and Mary Hamann-Roland seconded to approve the September 30, 2010 meeting minutes as presented; motion carried.

III. Joint Powers

- a. Presentations from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (Robyn Sykes, Jane Hennagir, Sonya Guggemos), the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (Dan Greensweig) and Minnesota Inter-County Association (Keith Carlson) on issues relating to Joint Powers. The issues included Joint Powers Agreement vs. Joint Powers Entity, Joint Powers tort liability, and clarification of statutes (particularly M.S. 471.59).

IV. Next Steps

- a.** Auditor Otto asked the representatives of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, the Minnesota Inter-County Association, and the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance and Bond Trust to work cooperatively to draft proposed language to modify current statutes around Joint Powers Agreement/Entity and tort liability. Otto requested the language be available to Council members two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- b.** The Council revisited its discussion regarding the possibility of organizing a statewide conference to raise awareness and provide resources for local government officials on cooperation, collaboration and innovation. Jack Swanson suggested such an event could be tied into the Big Four's Joint Legislative Conference in April for efficiency. Mary Hamann-Roland said she likes the idea, but would want the conference tied together to what the Council does with legislation. Gary Westorff said if such a conference was tied into the Joint Legislative Conference, he wanted to ensure that the conference promoted only the Council's agenda — not that of the Big Four, which sometimes differs from Education Minnesota's agenda. Commissioner Swanson will run the idea by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Will revisit at the next meeting.

V. Topics for Next Meeting

- a.** Review draft language with Joint Powers and tort liability.
- b.** Further discussion of conference.

VI. Other Business

- a.** The next meeting will be held **Friday, December 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at the League of Minnesota Cities building.

VII. Adjournment