

Collaborative Governance Council

League of Minnesota Cities Building

145 University Avenue, St. Paul

Wednesday, December 14

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Members Present

Kyle Harnett, Minnesota Association of Townships

Tom Hesse, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Grace Keliher, Minnesota School Board Association

Valerie Rolstad, SEIU

Gary Westorff, Education Minnesota

Commissioner Jack Swanson, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) (via phone)

Rebecca Otto, State Auditor, Chair

Members Absent

Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland

Ken Loeffler-Kemp, AFSCME

Others Present

Valerie Dosland, Intermediate School Districts

Elaine Keefe, MN Library Association

Jennifer O'Rourke, League of Minnesota Cities

Nancy Schouweiler, Dakota County/AMC

Nancy Walton, State Librarian

I. Call to Order

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

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes were amended and unanimously approved.

III. Presentation on Library Funding

- a. Amy Wilde, Board Chair, Pioneerland Library System, and Mark Ranum, Interim Director, Pioneerland Library System and Director, Plum Creek Library System, began their presentation on library funding with a discussion of how libraries are important, and how that importance is magnified in a down economy. They followed with a brief history of public libraries in Minnesota. Nancy Walton, the State Librarian also participated in the discussion.
- b. Commissioner Jack Swanson pointed out that libraries are a great collaborative model. Mr. Ranum pointed out that they are good models of collaboration for technology, joint powers, and intergovernmental sharing.

IV. Next Steps in Council's Work

- a. A brief discussion of the Topic Survey led to the suggestion that the next meeting could focus on the topic of facilitation. The next meeting date will be determined through email.

V. Adjournment

- a. The Chair adjourned the meeting.

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