



STATE OF DELAWARE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 17, 2017

Members Present: Senator David B. McBride, Chair, Representative Peter C. Schwartzkopf, Vice Chair; Senators, Margaret Rose Henry, Nicole Poore, F. Gary Simpson, Gregory F. Lavelle, and Representatives Valerie J. Longhurst, John Viola, Daniel Short and Deborah Hudson

In attendance: Lori Christiansen, Director, Division of Research/Legislative Council; Mark Cutrona, Deputy Director, Division of Research/Legislative Council; Rochelle Yerkes, Julia Dumas-Wilks, Donald Sellers and Deborah Gottschalk, Division of Research/Legislative Council; Michael Morton, Controller General; Janet Roberson and Angel Burack, Legislative Information Systems; Valerie McCartan, Senate Majority Chief of Staff; David Burris, Senate Minority Chief of Staff; Richard Puffer, Chief Clerk of the House; Sean Finnigan, House Majority Chief of Staff; Lauren C.W. Vella, Senior Legislative Aide; David Deputy, House Minority Chief of Staff; Lt. Britt Davis and Sgt. Pete Malinky, Capitol Police; Michael Svaby, Director, Division of Facilities Management; James Collins, Chief Information Officer, DTI, Jason Clark, Chief of Policy and Communications, DTI, John Trabado, DTI ; Randall Chase, Associated Press; Roger Roy

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Sen. McBride, Chair
2. Approval of March 29, 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. Director, Division of Research (Division of Research)/ Legislative Council - Report
4. Controller General - Report
5. Old Business
 - a. Update on the DTI Transition – James Collins, State Chief Information Officer
6. New business
 - a. 2016 Technical Corrections Bill – Deborah Gottschalk, Division of Research
 - b. 120th anniversary of the Delaware Constitution – Mark Cutrona, Division of Research
 - c. **Proposed Delaware General Assembly Media Credential Policy – Drew Volturo and Jesse Chadderdon**
 - d. **Key card access report - Lori Christiansen. Director, Division of Research
 - e. **Legislative Hall Security Camera Update - Lt. Britt Davis, DE Capitol Police and Ryan Kelly, Advantech
7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting – Wednesday June 14, 2017
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

1. **Welcome** – Sen. McBride called the meeting of Legislative Council to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Joint Finance Hearing Room. Sen. McBride announced there would be a change in the order of the agenda to accommodate members of Legislative Council.

2. **Approval of March 29, 2017 Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Rep. Schwartzkopf and seconded by Rep. Hudson to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.** Vote: 10 Yes, Senators McBride, Henry, Poore, Simpson, and Lavelle; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Longhurst, Viola, Short and Hudson.

A motion was made by Rep. Schwartzkopf and seconded by Rep. Hudson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing agenda items 6d and 6e. Motion carried. Vote: 10 Yes, Senators McBride, Henry, Poore, Simpson, and Lavelle; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Longhurst, Viola, Short and Hudson.

Legislative Council went in to Executive Session 12:03 p.m. and adjourned the Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.

After adjourning Executive Session, a motion was made by Rep. Schwartzkopf and seconded by Rep. Hudson to proceed with the interior and exterior security camera project. Motion carried Vote: 6 Yes, Senators McBride, Simpson and Lavelle; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Viola and Hudson.

3. **Division of Research/Legislative Council Director's Report**

Lori Christiansen introduced the new Administrative Specialist, Julia Dumas-Wilks. She reported the Division of Research has posted and received the cert list for a merit position for the graphics and printing tech position vacated when Donnie Sellers and Bob Lupo were promoted and have interviews scheduled. Ms. Christiansen gave an update of the COOP process. The Disaster Recovery Unit at DTI is configuring their new system and moving data between the old and the new system. DTI should be ready to pick back up with COOP Planning for the Legislature in late June or July. Ms. Christiansen also reported the improvements to the Legislative Mall area will begin after July 4th and will be fully funded by DELDOT, including the traffic calming devices discussed at the March 15th Legislative Council meeting.

4. **Controller General's Report**

Michael Morton reported JFC will begin mark-up next week. The Committee will address the Governor's Budget Reset and the current budget deficit.

5. **Old Business**

- a. Update on the DTI Transition – James Collins, State Chief Information Officer and Jason Clarke, Chief of Policy and Communications gave a presentation on the LIS/DTI transition. Mr. Clarke reported a kick off meeting was held to address the process, issues, and concerns. DTI have 9 resource personnel shadowing and assisting the LIS staff. Formal recommendations and an MOU will be completed at end of the current legislative session. Sen. Simpson asked about the cost of the transition. Mr. Clarke responded the cost will be

presented with the recommendations. Sen. McBride requested DTI give an update on their progress as the June 14th Legislative Council meeting.

6. New Business

a. 2016 Technical Corrections Bill – Deborah Gottschalk, Division of Research, made a presentation on the technical corrections bill drafted by the Division of Research. Ms. Gottschalk thanked the members for their support of Senate Bill 1. She stated the same methodology used to develop Senate Bill 1 would be used for the 2016 Technical Corrections bill. **A motion was made by Sen. Simpson and seconded by Sen. Henry for the Division of Research to proceed with drafting the 2016 Technical Corrections bill. Motion carried** Vote: 8 Yes, Senators McBride, Henry, Poore, Simpson and Lavelle; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Viola and Hudson.

b. 120th anniversary of the Delaware Constitution – Mark Cutrona and Donald Sellers, Division of Research, requested permission from Legislative Council to produce a pocket size booklet version of the Delaware Constitution and a Senate Concurrent Resolution honoring the 120th anniversary of the Delaware Constitution. The booklet will contain a letter from the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House. **A motion was made by Rep. Schwartzkopf and seconded by Sen. Poore directing the Division of Research to proceed with the Senate Concurrent Resolution, the accompanying letter as presented with the suggested changes, and printing of the booklets. Motion carried** Vote: 8 Yes, Senators McBride, Henry, Poore, Simpson and Lavelle; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Viola and Hudson.

c. Proposed Delaware General Assembly Media Credential Policy – Drew Volturo, House Majority Communications Director Senate and Jesse Chadderdon, Senate Majority Communications Director presented a proposal to institute a media credential policy. After a brief discussion, the members of Council asked that the issue be placed on the June 14th meeting agenda for further discussion. No action was taken.

7. **Other Business** – none

8. **Next Meeting** – June 14, 2017

9. **Public Comment** – none

10. **Adjournment** – Senator McBride adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Christiansen
Director
Division of Research/Legislative Council