

**Subcommittee on Employee Relations
Legislative Coordinating Commission
Monday, August 7, 2006
10:00 a.m.
300 North, State Office Building**

Present:

Rep. Chris DeLaForest
Rep. Debra Hilstrom
Rep. Karen Klinzing
Rep. Tom Rukavina
Sen. Sandra Pappas
Sen. Mike McGinn
Sen. Betsy Wergin

Excused:

Rep. Bruce Anderson
Sen. Steve Kelley
Sen. Linda Scheid

Rep. DeLaForest called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Sen. Wergin moved approval of the March 1, 2006, meeting minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Minnesota Law Enforcement Association

Paul Larson, Deputy Commissioner of DOER, presented a brief history of how contract negotiations have been handled with MLEA through the use of comparative group reports that were last compiled in 1993. Commissioner Larson explained that new reports had been completed which led to a delay in bargaining but that this had proved to be efficient because there were no points brought to arbitration. Deputy Commissioner Larson stood for questions.

Sen. McGinn moved approval of SER-1. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Review/Approve Proposed Salary for the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Board

Peggy Moon, Chair of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, requested that the proposed salary increase for the Board Director of the Gambling Control Board be approved. Mr. Larson explained that he had contacted Gov. Pawlenty's office and no other increases for agency heads were expected in the near future. Ms. Moon and Mr. Larson stood for further questions.

Sen. Pappas moved approval of SER-2. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Update on State Employee Group Insurance Program

Ricka Stenerson, Manager, Health Risk Management at DOER, summarized the new health care continuum programs being offered to state employees, which include patient advocacy and centers of excellence. Ms. Stenerson also addressed changes in health care trends for state employees based on 2005 data that were not available at the last meeting. Ms. Stenerson stood for questions.

Barb Ruckheim, Department of Finance, summarized the new financial reporting standards that have been established under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for Other Postemployment Benefits for state and local governments. Ms. Ruckheim stood for questions.

Rep. DeLaForest informed members that the next subcommittee meeting would most likely be mid-to-late September once the MN Nurses Association contract was finalized.

There being no further business, Rep. DeLaForest adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Representative Chris DeLaForest, Chair