



Legislative Branch  
Computer System Planning Council  
**59th Montana Legislature**

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DIRECTOR OLIT, LSD

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
Room 137, State Capitol

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Committee tapes are on file in the offices of the Legislative Services Division. **Exhibits for this meeting are available upon request. Legislative Council policy requires a charge of 15 cents a page for copies of documents.**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sen. John Brueggeman  
Sen. Brent Cromley (by Conference Phone)  
Susan Fox, Chairperson  
Scott Seacat, LAD  
Steve Bender, Department of Administration, ITSD

### STAFF PRESENT

Hank Trenk, Technology Director, LSD  
Steve Eller  
Terry Johnson, LFD  
Karen Berger  
Tori Hunthausen  
Jeanette Nordahl

### CALL TO ORDER

SUSAN FOX called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Sen. Cromley participated via teleconference. **Sen. Cromley moved to adopt minutes of the May 24, 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved without revision.**

### **PROPOSED 2009 BIENNIUM LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IT BUDGET - Hank Trenk**

HANK TRENK gave a presentation on the budget (**EXHIBIT 1**). Changes to the budget since the Planning Council last reviewed it are: ITSD increased their network connection rates from \$72.60 to \$76, and \$80; ITSD Web Services Fees were added; \$55,000 for replacement of PCs and a recovery server; New Proposals budgeted for \$366,000. The budget totaled \$2.487M.

There was discussion about whether or not money should be put into a feed bill and doing a pilot project on legislative reimbursement, making it a first come/first reimbursed basis. Also discussed was whether the reserve account is statutorily appropriated.

**SCOTT SEACAT moved to approve the budget with the amendment that the reserve account be taken out of the budget and be referred separately in the plan itself. MOTION PASSED.**

### **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMPUTER SYSTEM PLAN - Hank Trenk**

HANK TRENK discusses the IT Plan (**EXHIBIT 2**). He said that he updated last biennium's Plan but didn't add new chapters or any major items.

There was a suggestion that the editorial changes be added to the final document. MR. TRENK said that he will put all the comments and suggestions into the Plan; take it to the Legislative Council meeting in September for approval and then it will go to the Legislature. The Plan will be published and posted to the website.

**SCOTT SEACAT moved to approve the Plan for recommendation to the Legislative Council. MOTION PASSED.**

### **UPDATE ON REPLACING VOTE/AGENDA SYSTEMS FOR 2009 SESSION - Hank Trenk**

Mr. Trenk said that a conference call was held with International Roll Call to discuss replacing the systems for the 2009 session. It was requested that International Roll Call provide information on what other states were doing, what systems are out there and the price range, a list of software options, what functionality is available. It was thought that this would be a good chance to change things, get new members up to speed and have real time voting information. It was suggested that a recommendation be made to the Legislative Council for a subcommittee for the next interim comprised of members of the Planning Council to address replacing the vote/agenda systems for the 2009 session.

### **SETTING LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HARDWARE/SOFTWARE STANDARDS AND RULES - Hank Trenk**

MR. TRENK gave an overview on the Hardware/Software Standards and Rules. Mr. Trenk said that when he read the law that governs the Computer System Planning Council, 5-11-406, MCA, he noticed that there were some standards that the Planning Council has never adopted. It was decided that work on a proposal to that effect will be considered at the next biennium.

Mr. Trenk also discussed 2-17-518, MCA, which gives the responsibility of adopting rules for the use of any information technology resource to the Legislative Council. SCOTT SEACAT said that that section of law needs to be amended to delegate that to this Planning Council.

**Mr. Seacat moved that 2-17-518, MCA, be amended to transfer the responsibility of**

**adopting rules for the use of any information technology resources for the consolidated Legislative Branch with the concurrence of the Legislative Audit and Finance Committees from the Legislative Council to the Legislative Branch Computer Planning Council. MOTION PASSED.**

**DEMO OF FLOOR SESSION WEB PAGE - Steve Eller**

MR. ELLER gave a presentation on the document Agenda Mockup for CSPC (**EXHIBIT 3**).

**TAPE 1B**

There was a discussion on linking amendments to the web page.

**UPDATE ON AUDIO MINUTES PROJECT - Steve Eller**

STEVE ELLER talked about project on audio minutes (**EXHIBIT 4**).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

It was discussed when the next meeting will be. They don't meet until the even number years but it is subject to the call of the Chair. Ms. Fox said she will keep the Council apprised of the voting system committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Planning Council meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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