

## State Officers Compensation Commission Meeting

January 9, 2018, 11 a.m.

Telephonic  
Meeting Minutes

### Members:

Glenn Clary, Chairperson  
Duane Bannock  
Scott Cunningham  
Richard Strutz  
Mike Miller

### Others present:

Kate Sheehan, Department of Administration, Secretary

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Clary called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members Clary, Bannock, Cunningham and Strutz were present.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: *Mr. Strutz moved to approve meeting agenda.*

APPROVED: Moved and approved unanimously

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: *Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2017 meeting.*

APPROVED: Moved and approved unanimously

#### **V. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND WRITTEN COMMENTS**

##### DISCUSSION:

No public testimony was received. Two written comments were received. All members indicated they had received and reviewed both letters.

Mr. Bannock addressed the opinion in one of the letters that, based on the preliminary findings, Alaska won't attract the best candidates. He noted that 74 individuals had completed letters of intent to seek election in 2018 with 60 candidates in the previous legislative session. He also noted concern about the ability to remove per diem but felt it was a solid recommendation.

Mr. Bannock discussed the letter from Mr. Bruce Bothelo and stated that the \$45,360 proposed annual salary is approximately 85% of the annual average salary in Alaska. He stated that the decision was very personal to him as most hard decisions are but that he stands by the recommendations including the delayed implementation date.

Mr. Strutz commented that he agreed with what was done with per diem, but he was against reducing the pay.

Mr. Cunningham supported Mr. Strutz' comment and stated his support for adjustment to per diem but would like to leave the pay alone.

## **VI. FINALIZATION OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*MOTION: Mr. Strutz moved to bifurcate and separate the pay reduction from the per diem. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham.*

APPROVED: Moved and approved:

Mr. Bannock: aye

Mr. Cunningham: aye

Mr. Strutz: aye

Chair Clary: nay

*MOTION: Mr. Strutz moved to keep per diem for legislators the same but per diem could not be taken when a legislator is within 50 miles of his/her primary residence. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham.*

APPROVED: Moved and approved unanimously

*MOTION: Motion was made to implement a salary reduction in 2019.*

This motion was debated. Mr. Bannock noted that legislator's pay had been doubled, and it was nonsense that this reduction will dissuade good candidates. It was his duty and responsibility to keep government in check.

FAILED: Motion failed to move.

Mr. Bannock: aye

Mr. Cunningham: nay

Mr. Strutz: nay

Chair Clary: aye

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

It was determined that there was no need to hold another meeting.

Mr. Bannock noted that this would be his last meeting on the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.