



MINUTES
of the
THREE-HUNDRED-FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
December 15, 2014
Santa Fe

The three-hundred-fifty-seventh meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Speaker W. Ken Martinez, co-chair.

Present

Rep. W. Ken Martinez, Co-Chair
Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Co-Chair
Rep. Donald E. Bratton
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Anna M. Crook
Rep. Nate Gentry
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. Timothy M. Keller
Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas
Rep. Rick Miera
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Sen. William E. Sharer
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton
Rep. Thomas C. Taylor

Absent

Sen. William H. Payne
Sen. Michael S. Sanchez

Special Advisory Members Present

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Thomas A. Anderson
Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Jason C. Harper
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto
Rep. James Roger Madalena
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. John Arthur Smith
Rep. Don L. Tripp
Rep. Carl Trujillo

Special Advisory Members Absent

Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Mary Helen Garcia
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Sen. Mark Moores
Sen. George K. Munoz
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS

Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Researcher, LCS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the three-hundred-fifty-sixth meeting of the council, from September 8, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Request for Use of Chambers

Mr. Burciaga explained that the governor's inaugural committee had requested to use the house chambers for the governor's swearing-in ceremony on January 1. He also noted that the inauguration would include use of the west concourse of the State Capitol for a National Guard presentation and use of the rotunda for a public reception.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved the use of the house chambers for the governor's swearing-in ceremony.

Family/Handicapped-Access Restroom

Mr. Burciaga explained that the addition of a women's restroom in the house lounge required the removal of a handicapped-access restroom on the first floor of the State Capitol. He said that a new handicapped-access restroom could be placed between the senate media gallery and the men's restroom on the west side of the second floor, with minimal impact on the gallery or the restroom. He also pointed out that the proposed restroom would not affect any of the gallery's viewing area. Mr. Burciaga noted that Lenore M. Naranjo, senate chief clerk, had seen the impact of the restroom on the media gallery and agreed that it would not be a problem.

Mr. Burciaga also said that requests of this nature usually go before the Facilities Review Subcommittee. He noted that the subcommittee has traditionally been composed of the speaker of the house, senate president pro tempore and the majority and minority floor leaders and that because of the timing and in an effort to get started on the restroom immediately after session, the request was brought before the whole council.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved installation of a family/handicapped-access restroom on the west side of the second floor of the State Capitol, next to the senate media gallery.

Energy Council Dues

Mr. Burciaga explained that the General Appropriation Act of 2014 (Senate Bill 313) contained an appropriation for Energy Council dues. However, he noted that the bill also contained an across-the-board reduction of 0.275 percent, rounded to the nearest \$100, which resulted in a cut of \$100 for the dues payable to the Energy Council.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved payment of \$100 from the interim expenses account for Energy Council dues.

Staff Reports

Mr. Burciaga explained that the General Appropriation Act of 2014 had appropriated \$2.5 million for upgrades to the State Capitol and provided the council with an update on the capitol improvement projects. He noted that:

1. original DC-powered elevator motors have been replaced on the west side elevators and are in the process of being replaced on the east side. Wood panels, lighting, flooring and control panels are also being replaced. The railing is being powder-coated to match the railing on the third and fourth floors that overlook the rotunda;
2. senate voting boards were replaced with new electronic LCD boards with better resolution and additional display options;
3. the house and senate floors have been re-carpeted, replacing the original carpeting from the early 1990s refurbishing of the State Capitol. The galleries will have new carpeting installed after session;
4. the house lounge now has men's and women's restrooms, both handicapped-accessible;
5. new uninterrupt power supply (UPS) units have been installed;
6. wiring in the house and senate chambers has been upgraded; and
7. a waterless fire suppression system has been installed to protect the electronic network hardware that would otherwise be damaged by a sprinkler system.

Mr. Burciaga said that there might be additional repairs or upgrades after the session as building needs continue to be assessed.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 10:25 a.m.