

Chair Pat Kimball opened the meeting at 1:30 pm. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting were designated for public comment. One speaker participated. The public comment period was closed at 1:40 pm. Pat then explained adjustments to the agenda, Bruce Noddin's resignation and her notification to the Senate President of the vacancy. A sub-committee to begin the discussion on school focused funds will be headed by Liz Blackwell-Moore and Melissa Hackett. The minutes were approved (Blackwell-Moore/Tuell, 8-0- 2). The July meeting will need to be rescheduled as it is set to meet the same day as the Governor's Summit.

The next meeting will be held May 15 at 9 am and will focus on a recommendation to hire the next executive director; June being Mary's last meeting with the Council. Pat also reported 28 contracts now out the door totaling \$14 million with another 12 close to signatures. The one-year contracts will have to be renewed next year.

Interviews for the next executive director will be held May 9 and 12. The plan is to confirm the next director May 15 for the final vote June 12. Pat will do oversight for the period of time the Council will be without a director. There will be a lot of work to do. In the short term there will be contracts and establishing processes for reporting and monitoring. Berry Dunn will provide additional services on a limited basis and the Cutler Institute will also be involved. Liz expressed concerns that the Council needs to move forward. Monitoring and evaluation are different sets of tasks. After an intense discussion, Berry Dunn's 2-month contract was accepted (Vinsel/Poulin, 12-0).

Paul presented the Governance Committee's discussion on the bylaws and the FOIA statute. Brendan had a written proposal for the bylaws change, that of deleting the first sentence of Section 4.6 ("Public notice shall be given of all meetings of 3 or more Council members."). After considerable discussion, Paul said the proposal/suggested change would be returned to the Governance Committee for more discussion.

Joe turned the discussion to a Programs and Grants Committee focus. The Committee was returning to a once-a-month meeting format. Regarding contract evaluation and oversight, a outcomes measures worksheet has been developed to make sure funding is used in line with the anticipated uses and that data is being collected quarterly. The due date for submission would be 30 days after the end of the quarter. Mary said the Council could consolidate and categorize some of the requested information. Liz suggested a six-month trial period. Elizabeth reported a timeline of July 15-30 as the first reports submissions. The RFP for grant management services has been developed, and following discussion regarding what appeared to be some confusing details, the Council referred the RFP to the Finance Committee for clarifications and authorized its publication (Blackwell-Moore/Vinsel, 13-0).

Ben reported that he did not have updated financials and suggested the Council consider hiring someone to manage the finances, at least half-time initially, imbedded at the AG's office. Concerns were expressed regarding loss of control of the funds and any impact from a change in governmental administration. Ben said an MOU could be developed to address those issues. He then announced his resignation as the Deputy Commissioner of Finance and his end of state service. Appreciation for his efforts were expressed.

Mary suggested the Council consider an intern position, she had received an expression of interest. The position, if paid, would have to be an open call. Pat commented that we would need to develop a procedure and that we probably not able to do so this summer.

Pat thanked the Council for a very efficient meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm