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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
May 27, 2014
Approved June 23, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the May 27, 2014 Legislative Council meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Alfond, Senator Haskell and Senator Katz
Absent: Senator Jackson and Senator Thibodeau
Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative Berry and Representative Willette
Absent: Representative McCabe and Representative Fredette
Legislative Officers: David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Assistant Clerk of the House
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Mark Deering, Acting Director, Legislative Information Technology

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 3:50 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF MAY 19, 2014 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for May 19, 2014 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Alford. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4,** with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

No report

Fiscal Report

No report

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Legislative Council Chair Eves reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting on May 27, 2014 to consider the reappointment of David E. Boulter as Executive Director for a three-year term, retroactive to his work anniversary date.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee the Legislative Council reappoint David E. Boulter to a new three-year term as Executive Director of the Legislative Council, the date of his reappointment being retroactive to September 17, 2013. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4,** with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette absent).

2. State House Facilities Committee

State House Facilities Committee Chair Representative Berry reported that the State House Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 to consider the potential reuse of the copper that will be removed when the State House dome is repaired this summer. There appears to be considerable interest in the area and across the state in making the copper available for reuse, for historic purposes, for educational purposes and for artwork. He also noted that the State's Percent for Art program may be applicable to the copper replacement project.

The committee brainstormed various ideas for reuse of the copper and Representative Berry shared the results of his informal survey on the public's suggestions for reuse.

The committee concluded that the most appropriate way to find the best (re)use of the copper is to develop a recommended process for deciding the reuse with various options and multiple uses and involving interested members of the public and the Maine Arts Commission.

Legislative Council members expressed interest in retaining sufficient copper to allow for production and sale of mementos.

The committee will meet again in July to discuss various options that will have been developed.

Motion: That the Legislative Council request that the Director of the Maine Arts Commission, working in conjunction with the Executive Director, develop a recommended process for deciding reuse of the copper, including options that allow for multiple uses by artists, coppersmiths and others that are in keeping with the historic nature of the copper, and that are mindful of project costs and legislative expenses related to the copper reuse; further that the amount of copper to be retained be as much as feasible, with a goal of at least 50% and without incurring extraordinary costs. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette absent).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.