

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Minutes of the

**COMPUTER REPLACEMENT WORKGROUP**

Wednesday, February 24, 2016  
Harvest Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Bob Martinson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Representatives Bob Martinson, Corey Mock, Christopher D. Olson, Roscoe Streyle, Blair Thoreson, Nathan Toman; Senators Jonathan Casper, Robert Erbele, Larry J. Robinson

**Members absent:** Senator Randall A. Burckhard

**Others present:** See [Appendix A](#) for additional persons present.

**LAPTOPS AND TABLETS**

Mr. Kyle W. Forster, Information Technology Manager, Legislative Council, presented information ([Appendix B](#)) regarding laptop and tablet computers including a summary of current equipment, requirements of new equipment, utilization of current equipment, analysis of consumer versus business class laptops, description of self-encrypting drives, and comparison of laptop screen size and weight. He also compared the current tablets to the latest available version of the tablet.

In response to workgroup discussion on alternative devices instead of the new version of the iPad Air, Representative Olson suggested the iPad Pro for its larger screen size (12.9 inches vs. 9.7 inches) and productivity gains using the new Smart Keyboard and Apple Pencil (stylus) accessories.

In response to workgroup discussion regarding iPad Pro accessories, Mr. Forster said the iPad Pro would be enclosed in a case to protect the device and any other cases or accessories would need to be purchased by the member.

**COMPUTER REPLACEMENT BUDGET AND QUOTES**

Mr. Forster presented information ([Appendix B](#)) on the computer replacement budget for laptops, tablets, and office software upgrade; HP laptop and Microsoft Office 2016 quotes; iPad pricing; and four computer replacement options.

**It was moved by Representative Olson and seconded by Representative Streyle that the Computer Replacement Workgroup recommend computer replacement Option 2, replacing the iPad Air with the iPad Pro.**

In response to Chairman Martinson asking if the motion should be separated to consider the laptop and iPad separately, **Representative Olson withdrew his motion with the consent of Representative Streyle.**

**It was moved by Representative Olson, seconded by Representative Streyle, and carried on a roll call vote that the Computer Replacement Workgroup recommend computer replacement Option 2, excluding the iPad and case.** Senators Erbele and Robinson and Representatives Martinson, Mock, Olson, Streyle, Thoreson, and Toman voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

**It was moved by Representative Olson, seconded by Representative Streyle, and carried on a roll call vote that the Computer Replacement Workgroup recommend the iPad Pro instead of the iPad Air.** Senator Casper and Representatives Martinson, Olson, Streyle, and Toman voted "aye." Senators Erbele and Robinson and Representatives Mock and Thoreson voted "nay."

In response to a question from Representative Thoreson regarding the additional cost of the iPad Pro, Mr. Forster said the iPad Pro retail cost is \$250 more per device, but a discount may be available from the Apple reseller.

In response to a question from Representative Mock regarding iPad Pro features being more appealing than the iPad Air, Representative Olson said the iPad Pro has a larger screen and supports the Apple Pencil (stylus) and it is unknown if the next version of the iPad Air will support the Apple Pencil (stylus).

The total cost of the Computer Replacement Workgroup recommendations is \$502,068, \$100,982 less than the appropriation of \$603,050. Option 2 (with the new version of the iPad Air) would have resulted in a cost of \$464,568, or a savings of \$138,482.

No further business appearing, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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