

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Minutes of the

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
Prairie Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Al Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 a.m.

**Members present:** Representatives Al Carlson, Merle Boucher, Chris Griffin, Gary Kreidt, Shirley Meyer, David Monson, Bob Skarphol, Robin Weisz, Lisa Wolf; Senators Robert S. Erbele, Tony S. Grindberg, Ray Holmberg, David O'Connell, Tracy Potter, Larry J. Robinson, Bob Stenehjem, Rich Wardner

**Others present:** Jay E. Buringrud, Allen H. Knudson; Legislative Council, Bismarck

JoNell A. Bakke, State Senator, Grand Forks

Randel Christmann, State Senator, Hazen

Jerry Klein, State Senator, Fessenden

See attached [appendix](#) for additional persons present.

Chairman Carlson announced that nominations for chairman of the Legislative Council were open. Representative Skarphol nominated Representative Carlson, seconded by Representative Monson. Senator Wardner nominated Senator Stenehjem, seconded by Senator Holmberg. On a roll call vote, Representatives Boucher, Carlson, Griffin, Kreidt, Meyer, Monson, Skarphol, Weisz, and Wolf voted for Representative Carlson. Senators Erbele, Grindberg, Holmberg, O'Connell, Potter, Robinson, Stenehjem, and Wardner voted for Senator Stenehjem. Representative Carlson was elected chairman.

Chairman Carlson announced that nominations for vice chairman for the Legislative Council were open.

**It was moved by Senator Robinson, seconded by Senator Holmberg, and carried on a voice vote**

**that a unanimous ballot be cast for Senator Stenehjem as vice chairman of the Legislative Council.**

In response to a question from the chairman, the director indicated traditional business for the Legislative Council is to set two meeting dates--one in May to review study directives and establish priorities for discretionary studies. The Council generally authorizes the chairman to establish a committee structure based on the study directives approved for the interim and a survey is sent to each legislator asking for committee preferences. He said the second meeting could be approximately two to three weeks after the first to allow staff time to distribute, return, and tabulate the results from legislators. The second meeting of the Legislative Council would be to approve the committee membership assignments.

The Council discussed various dates for the next two meetings. Chairman Carlson announced the Legislative Council would meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, to prioritize studies. After discussion, he announced the second meeting would be Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

No further business appearing, Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 a.m.

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Jim W. Smith  
Director

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