

January 15, 2014

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Chair Pappas & Vice Chair Thissen,

The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities submits this report as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.8842, subdivision 9.

Background

The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities (the "Commission") was established by and under the authority of the Legislative Coordinating Commission to oversee the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority's operating and capital budget (Minnesota Statutes, 3.8842).

According to the Minnesota Statutes 3.8842; there are three purposes for the Commission. They are:

1. providing financial oversight of the authority as described in subdivision 8;
2. adoption of a statewide authority structure for the operation and management of sports facilities and entertainment venues under the jurisdiction of the authority. The authority membership shall represent the interests of both the metropolitan area and greater Minnesota; and
3. creating a comprehensive management plan that alleviates booking and scheduling concerns regarding the sports facilities and entertainment venues under the jurisdiction of the authority.

Members

The Commission consists of three senators appointed by the senate majority leader, three senators appointed by the senate minority leader, three state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and three state representatives appointed by the house minority leader.

Members appointed to the 2013-14 Commission are:

Senate

Senator Bobby Joe Champion
Senator Karin Housley
Senator Jeremy Miller
Senator Roger Reinert
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator Kathy Sheran

House

Representative Paul Anderson
Representative Joe Atkins
Representative Kathy Brynaert
Representative Jim Davnie
Representative Joe Hoppe
Representative Tim Kelly

At its April 2, 2013 meeting, a co-chair structure was adopted by the Commission. At that same meeting, Senator Champion and Senator Rosen were elected to serve as the Commission co-chairs. At its October 3, 2013 meeting, the Commission elected Representative Brynaert to serve as the Commission vice chair.

Meetings

The Commission convened on April 2, 2013 and has met a total of five times as of January 15, 2014. Meetings were held on April 2, 2013; October 3, 2013; October 24, 2013; November 7, 2013; and December 5, 2013. At the October 3, 2013 meeting, it was decided the Commission would meet on the first Thursday of each month. The January 2nd meeting was rescheduled for January 23rd due to the original meeting's proximity to the holiday season.

Each Commission meeting included an update from the chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, Michele Kelm-Helgen.

The Commission has also heard testimony from:

Steve Poppen, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Minnesota Vikings

Tom Barrett, Executive Director, Gambling Control Board

Lester Bagley, Vice President of Public Affairs and Stadium Development, Minnesota Vikings

Craig Skiem, Financial Consultant, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority

Matt Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administration

Materials distributed at Commission meetings, meeting minutes, and the audio from each meeting can be found at <http://www.lcc.leg.mn/lcmsf/meetings.html>.

Website

In order to provide transparency for its work, the Commission maintains a website at:

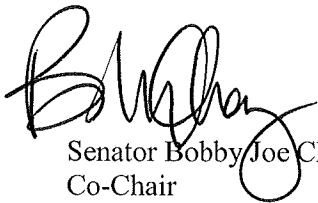
<http://www.lcc.leg.mn/lcmsf/>. The Commission's membership, meeting notices, and meeting archives are available. The public can also subscribe to receive emailed notification of meetings.

Next Steps

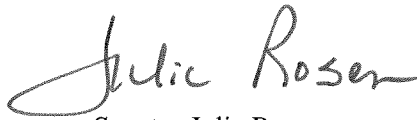
The Commission will continue to:

- meet as scheduled on the first Thursday of every month, unless otherwise rescheduled;
- receive updates from the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, the Minnesota Vikings, and other key stakeholders;
- monitor the Metrodome demolition process, the construction process of the new facility, the Minneapolis and St. Paul Entertainment Facilities Coordination Study, and other issues as they arise;
- perform its duties as outlined M.S. 3.8842 in order to promote fiscal responsibility and good management, and strengthen the accountability of the authority.

Sincerely,



Senator Bobby Joe Champion
Co-Chair
Legislative Commission on
Minnesota Sports Facilities



Senator Julie Rosen
Co-Chair
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Representative Kathy Brynaert
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