



Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, August 30, 2019: 1:30 – 3:30pm

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, 16th floor, Room 16-100

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Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions – Jim Lewis

Chairman Jim Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kate took roll call of commissioners. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Review and approval of minutes - Jim

The minutes were approved without comment.

3. 2019 BFR Mandate Reduction (VOTE) – Curt Clemons-Mosby

Curt walked through the list of mandate reduction recommendations that were approved by the mandates working group for the coming legislative session. (See Exhibit 1.) The following comments and changes were made:

Regarding Exhibit 1, row 12. Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is required to provide technical and advisory assistance to local governments about issuing long-term debt. Commissioner Paula Worthington asked whether any other state government entity is equipped to provide assistance to local governments for debt issuance. Curt answered that there is not, that he is aware of. Paula agreed that DCEO is not an appropriate entity to provide this service. Commissioner Jesse Elam asked whether DCEO has received an audit finding for not providing this local government assistance. Megan Buskirk from DCEO answered that they have not.

DCEO withdrew a request to repeal the requirement that DCEO send a representative to the SHIP Implementation Coordination Council.

Two items were approved by the working group conditional upon DCEO speaking with Leader Greg Harris. (Leader Harris is the only sponsor of the original legislation who is still a sitting member of the General Assembly.) DCEO reported that they not been able to speak with Leader Harris, yet. The first

item, Exhibit 1, row 16, DCEO developing an engineering excellence program was approved by the commission if Leader Harris agreed. The second item, Exhibit 1, row 17, DCEO hosting a web page with a comprehensive list of State, federal and local economic benefits for businesses, was removed from consideration by the commission.

Exhibit 1, row 21 requires DCEO to sit on an interagency council on bike paths: DCEO explained there is currently a staff member in their tourism department who attends this council. The 2018 audit finding was because statute currently requires DCEO's director to attend personally. DCEO amended the request to modify the statute to allow the director to appoint a designee to attend the council, rather than repealing the mandate.

The mandate modification list was approved by the commission with the above changes.

GOMB budget analyst Cory Burris walked through the list of fund clean-up items recommended by the working group. (See Exhibit 2.) This list was approved by the commission with no changes.

4. 2019 BFR Annual Report – VOTE

Curt discussed the three recommendations that have been suggested for the 2019 annual report. The first is a continuation of a 2018 recommendation to explore the use of geo-spatial mapping in BFR work. The homeless population/capacity map that the BFR Unit developed as a proof-of-concept for this recommendation has garnered attention from DHS and will be further developed into a publicly available resource. Further work in this area will be of additional value to the commission and to state agencies.

The second recommendation is a new recommendation by commissioner Jesse Elam, for BFR to report on IDOT procedures for assessing and prioritizing capital projects. The recommendation calls for the BFR unit to produce a report on current state practices and other state best practices, and for the commission to review and potentially recommend improvements. The BFR Unit anticipates being able to bring a report to the commission in mid-summer of 2020, and will also invite IDOT partners to join a meeting and answer commissioners' questions. Paula expressed support for this recommendation, and suggested minor modifications to the wording to clarify that the state's \$46.5 billion in FY20 enacted appropriations will be spent over multiple years.

Paula suggested adding language to the recommendation stating that in addition to reporting on current IDOT practices, BFR staff will also report on best practices and/or practices in other states, and make recommendations for process improvements. Curt proposed that staff produce a report on current practices and best practices to present to the commission, and the commission make recommendations on how to proceed. Kathy clarified that other state practices and best practices according to research may be different things.

The third recommendation is to continue a 2018 recommendation for investment in BFR, in both staff and technological resources. The BFR Unit was fortunate to receive a specified appropriation in the FY 2020 budget to sustain three staff and allow for the onboarding of two more staff. The unit is currently

in the hiring process for those two positions and hopes to fill the vacancies by the end of the fiscal year. Curt will send the position postings to the commission for publicizing. Jim corrected a typo in this recommendation.

The recommendations were approved with the above edits.

5. Discussion of remaining timeline for annual report draft – Curt

The annual report draft will be sent to the commission on October 15th. Curt requested that commissioners send edits in track changes by COB on the 17th. There will be a phone call on October 18th to discuss the edits. The edits will then be consolidated for a final vote at the commission meeting on October 25th. Curt reminded commissioners to send their proxy votes by COB the day before for the call and the meeting. The Dec 13th meeting will be for setting 2020 meeting dates and work plan.

5. New business

Roma Larson, General Counsel for GOMB and Ethics Officer for BFR Commission, discussed the annual ethics training. There is a new edition of the ethics training with a new mandate for sexual harassment training for members of boards and commissions, but Roma does not have the sexual harassment curriculum yet from the OEIG. Roma will email the regular ethics training to commissioners on Monday, and commissioners will have 30 days to complete the training. Commissioners are invited to contact Roma with any questions.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.