

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

10:30 AM in Room 2E of the LOB

I. CONVENE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM by Chairman, Rep. Rojas J. 009.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cassano S. S04; Fonfara J. S01; Leone C. S27; Logan G. S17; Maroney J. S14; Martin H. S31; McCrory D. S02; Moore M. S22; Needleman N. S33; Sampson R. S16; Witkos K. S08

Representatives: Altobello E. 082; Barry J. 031; Butler L. 072; Candelora V. 086; Carney D. 023; Cheeseman H. 037; Davis C. 057; Devlin L. 134; Doucette J. 013; Gresko J. 121; Hennessy J. 127; Hill L. 017; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; Kupchick B. 132; Lemar R. 096; Lopes R. 024; Meskers S. 150; Miller P. 145; Morin R. 028; Mushinsky M. 085; Paolillo A. 097; Perillo J. 113; Perone C. 137; Phipps Q. 100; Piscopo J. 076; Rojas J. 009; Sanchez R. 025; Santiago H. 084; Scanlon S. 098; Stafstrom S. 129; Wood K. 029; Yaccarino D. 087

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Concepcion J. 004; Elliott J. 088; Floren L. 149; Frey J. 111; Polletta J. 068; Rutigliano D. 123; Wood T. 141

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

Rep. Rojas addressed the committee and guests in the audience stating that this meeting is simply for organizational purposes and will allow members to become more familiar with one another. He further explained that the state received some “positive news” yesterday with the release of the consensus revenue estimates and that he is cautiously optimistic for the road ahead for the state.

Senator Fonfara briefly introduced the ranking members- Senator Witkos and Representative Davis to the committee followed by explaining to the rest of the members the importance of their job pertaining to Connecticut’s finances. He expressed confidence that the leadership of the committee will continue to work in a bipartisan fashion as they have in years past.

III. REMARKS BY THE RANKING MEMBERS

Senator Witkos expressed excitement for the opportunity to be a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. He went on to explain that he intends to listen to all ideas that members may have throughout the session and work with the leadership of the committee in a bipartisan fashion.

Representative Davis explained how in the last two years he believes the committee has been able to accomplish many successes for the hardworking tax payers across the state and urges both parties to continue this bi partisan work in the future.

Members of the committee proceeded to introduce themselves.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

The Co-chairs introduced the staff of the committee as described below:

Tom Spinella **(Administrator)**

Dawn Marzik **(Clerk)**

Jean Holloway **(Assistant Clerk)**

Dawn Silveria **(Assistant Clerk)**

Steve DelVecchio **(Assistant Clerk)**

Chris Wetzel **OFA**

Michael Murphy **OFA**

Evelyn Wisnieski **OFA**

Eric Gray **OFA (Bonding)**

Rute Pinho **OLR**

Heather Poole **OLR**

Kumi Sato **LCO (Revenue)**

Louise Nadeau **LCO**

Lynn Kirshbaum **LCO (Bonding)**

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has not been scheduled yet.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was duly made and seconded to recess the meeting until 3:00 PM- attendance will be held open in Room 3700 of the LOB until that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Tom Spinella
Administrator

Steve DeVecchio
Assistant Committee Clerk