

**MINUTES OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 18, 2012**

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Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and thanked those in attendance for their participation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2011 were distributed electronically via the list serv. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the minutes, as submitted. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed electronically via the list serv. Ram reported that there has been no activity in the account since the last report. The balance remains at \$1,683.94. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously, as submitted.

Committee Reports

Credentials. In Ellen Carter's absence, there was no report.

Old Business

Speakers and Logistics. Invitations have been extended to leadership within Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Administrative Services, but we are awaiting confirmation of dates.

Website/Communications Committee. In Tom Crafa's absence, there was no report.

Orientation Committee. In Peggy Zabawar's absence, there was no report.

Legislative Committee. In Elise Kremer's absence, there was no report.

Position Statement. A few comments were received on the draft position statement that was shared at the December MAC meeting. Ram explained that he had met yesterday with Commissioner of Administrative Services Donald DeFronzo. Commissioner DeFronzo's feedback was that the Administration understands the concerns of managers that were raised in the draft position statement. Commissioner DeFronzo also

indicated that he has had discussion on this subject with Lieutenant Governor Wyman and Secretary Benjamin Barnes. Ram shared the draft of the position statement with Commissioner DeFronzo. The Commissioner read it and was fine with the document being finalized at this point. As soon as it is finalized, he requested that it be sent to him as well as to Lieutenant Governor Wyman, Secretary Barnes, and Linda Yelmini. They would like to meet with MAC leadership as a small group to discuss the issues, although it was cautioned that such a meeting would not take place in the next several weeks, due to the ongoing budget activity. Ram's goal is to have a meeting on the calendar by our next MAC meeting.

Ram received statistics on the managerial workforce from Department of Administrative Services. There has been a dramatic change the workforce over the past 5 years. The statistics show a reduction of over 500 managers (over 20% of the managerial workforce) since 2007. This information will be incorporated in the draft. Ram and Barbara Spear plan to meet this Friday to finalize the document and get it distributed.

Data Collection. Regarding the survey proposed at the last meeting, Ram shared that it does not appear to be necessary at this time.

New Business

A question was raised regarding the enabling authority for MAC. A member opined that MAC should be meeting regularly, perhaps monthly, with the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

The list of those in attendance at the January 18, 2012 meeting, and the Treasurer's report are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B at the Department of Transportation. Currently, there is no guest speaker confirmed for the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Spear
Vice-Chair
Representative for the
Department of Insurance

MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER
January 18, 2012

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Children and Families	Gayle Hoffman	A
Comptroller	Stephen Perkins	A
Consumer Protection	Elisa Nahas	R
Energy and Environmental Protection	Peter O'Neil	R
Insurance	Barbara Spear, Vice-Chair	R
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	R
Revenue Services	Jim Norton	A
Transportation	Wanda Seldon	R