# MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL July 18, 2018

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#### Welcome and Introductions

Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A welcome was extended to those in attendance. He introduced John Herrington of the Retirement Services Division of the Office of the State Comptroller.

#### **Guest Presentation**

Mr. Herrington gave a very informative presentation, concerning retirement services and covered major issues and recent developments concerning SEBAC 2017. He will share his PowerPoint presentation and it will be made available on the MAC website. He also noted Retiree Resources <a href="https://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/stateretire.htm">https://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/stateretire.htm</a> and urged his audience to try the Retirement Estimate Calculator at <a href="https://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/tier2summ/workshop/disclaimer.htm">https://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/tier2summ/workshop/disclaimer.htm</a>.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes of for the June 20, 2018 meeting were not available.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Meredith Minnocci, MAC Treasurer, reported that the balance in the treasury was \$2724.80 as of June 30, 2018, reflecting a \$3.56 dividend credited since the last report. The Treasurer's report was circulated via the list serv. The report was approved unanimously, as submitted.

#### **Credentials Report**

Deb Paradis, MAC Credentials Chair, had no updates. The Credentials list is posted on the website.

#### **Old Business**

<u>Speakers and Logistics for Upcoming Meetings.</u> Ram invited members to share their ideas on future speakers. John Herrington, from the retirement division at the Office of the State Comptroller is planning on providing the same presentation at a location in the southern part of the state in order to minimize travel for managers living in that area. Ram noted that ideas for future speakers should continue to be discussed.

<u>Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee.</u> Nancy Nicolescu indicated that she is doing regular updates and invites the membership to submit items of interest; all content is current at this time.

<u>Status of Updates to MAC list serv.</u> Nancy asked for Reps/Alts to let her know which Fiscal/Administrative Managers in their respective agencies have unionized so that she can update the list-serve. Nancy has also been following up on undeliverable e-mails and removing those managers who have left state service.

Andrew Norton, DORS thanked Ram, Nancy, and members of the Executive Board for their service to the MAC.

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Other Old Business. None at this time.

#### **New Business**

Special Election Due to Resignation of MAC Chair. The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair from the floor. Nancy Nicolescu nominated Leland Moore for the position of Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations and the nominee was elected unanimously. Due to the resignation of Chair Ram Aberasturia, per the MAC By-Laws, Vice Chair Janice Deshais assumed the office of Chair. Ram and the rest of the Executive Board welcomed them.

Report on Meeting with Office of Policy and Management (OPM) Secretary Benjamin Barnes. Ram reported on the meeting, which was held June 28. Ram characterized the meeting, as very open and positive. An additional meeting with the administration is being scheduled to continue the discussions regarding managerial concerns. Members acknowledged MAC's efforts to foster such a productive line of communication, and also asked what the follow-up plan and next steps would be to keep the positive momentum going. The newly appointed Executive Board felt strongly that it is critical to all state managers to continue to communicate with the current administration leadership, and to prepare for the new administration.

Report of Subcommittee to Enhance MAC Membership and Participation. Janice Deshais, subcommittee Chair, reported out on behalf of the subcommittee. Janice announced that the subcommittee would be looking for new members since one member had returned to a union position, one was appointed to be a judge and one retired. That left only herself and Chris Beloff. The subcommittee wants to continue its work on the redesign of the current brochure.

Report of Managers Day 2018 Planning Committee. The committee will be meeting following the conclusion of the business meeting, and all are welcome to attend. The date is September 28 to be held at the U.S.S. Chowder Pot IV in Hartford. This will be a half-day event due to cost considerations. The half-day schedule will allow for one speaker and the presentation of Distinguished Managerial Service Awards. The committee has secured a dynamic speaker from Leading Edge Coaching and Development <a href="https://www.leadingedgecoaches.com/">https://www.leadingedgecoaches.com/</a>. A save-the-date notice will be sent out soon.

Other New Business. There was no Other New Business.

#### Adjournment

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m., with members of the subcommittees remaining for their respective meetings.

The list of those in attendance at the July 18, 2018 meeting and the legislative update are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beloff
MAC Secretary
MAC Alternate for the Department of Education

# MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER July 18, 2018

Agency	Name Rep	o/Alt/Guest
Administrative Services	Nina Rilson	G
Administrative Services	Mary Yabrosky	G
Administrative Services	Ellen L. Morris	G
Administrative Services	Belinda Thibedeau	G
Administrative Services	Cheryl Catania	G
Banking	Leanne Appleton	Α
Banking	Deb Lein	R
Children & Families	Lisa Hofferth	G
Correction	Meredith Minnocci, Treasurer	R
Correction	Erica Blackmon	G
Developmental Services	Donna Haley	G
Developmental Services	Kim Smith	G
Developmental Services	Peter Mason	G
Developmental Services	Deborah Boyle	R
Developmental Services	Teresa Gonzalez	G
Developmental Services	Linda Gamache	G
Education	Deb Paradis	R
Economic & Community Development	Sheila Hummel	G
Energy and Environmental Protection	Janice Deshais	Α
Energy and Environmental Protection	Oswald Inglese, Jr.	G
Freedom of Information Commission/Office of	<b>G</b> ,	
State Ethics/State Elections Enforcement	Nancy Nicolescu	R
Freedom of Information Commission/Office of	•	
State Ethics/State Elections Enforcement	Lateisha Rainey	Α
Insurance	Maura Welch	R
Insurance	Amy Stegall	G
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	Α
Labor	Mark Polzella	G
Labor	Ken Petow	G
Labor	Sandy Mello	G
Labor	Deb Beaudoin	G
Lottery Corporation	Tammy Marquis	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Chris Burke	Α
Mental Health & Addiction Services	John Connor	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Nannette Latremouille	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Elaine Flynn-York	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Gayle Gagliardo	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Lori-Ann Sawicki	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Crane W. Cesario	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Thomas Zaprzalka	R
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Robert Donovan	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Laurene Gomez	G
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Maura Kjar	
Pardons & Paroles	Leland J. Moore	R
Pardons & Paroles	Fred Watton	Α
Policy & Management	Willy Isaac	R
Public Health	Bruce Wallen	G
Public Health	Ellen Blaschinski	G