

Michigan Historical Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015
Michigan Historical Center
5th Floor Board Room

Commissioners in attendance: Joe Calvaruso (by phone), Jack Dempsey, Brian James Egen (by phone), Kimberly Johnson, Richard Micka, and Thomas Truscott.

Excused Absence: Joan Capuano, Susan Safford, Larry Wagenaar

Staff: Sandra Clark, Michelle Davis

Others: Mark Hoffman, DNR, Chief Administrative Officer; Trevor VanDyke, DNR, Director of Legislative and Legal Affairs

President Dempsey called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and introductions were made by the group.

Approval of Agenda: Truscott made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Johnson and was unanimously approved.

Legislation

- A discussion was held on the draft bills introduced as Senate Bill No. 521 (SB 521) and Senate Bill No. 522 (SB 522). Commissioners recommended the following changes:

- **SB 521**

Page 1, Lines 9-10; Sec. 3. (1)

Remove the words “as an advisory body”

Page 2, Line 26; Sec. 3. (5)

Replace the words “in Lansing and shall” with “to”

Page 3, Line 5; Sec. 3 (6)

Add after commission “, one of which shall be in Lansing”

Page 3, Line 15; Sec. 3 (9) (a)

Replace “preservation” with “collection”

Add after “artifacts” “and materials,”

The line would read: “the collection of historical artifacts and materials, and the dissemination of”

Page 3, Lines 17-18; Sec. 3 (9) (b)

Eliminate current language, replace with two items and renumber

(b) In coordination with the department, assist, collaborate and participate in Michigan history related initiatives, activities, efforts and projects.

(c) Collaborate with the Michigan Historical Center to annually report to the governor and both houses of the legislature on Michigan history activities.

- **SB 522**
Page 4, Line 4; Sec. 3 (3)
Add the following as (g):
(g) Provide professional expertise and leadership for the preservation and interpretation of history on state lands.

- **SB 523**
Page 3, Line18; Sec. 72117
After “archaeologist,” add “the Michigan historical commission,”

- VanDyke said that he would discuss the suggested changes with the bill drafters.

Micka made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Egen, and the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.


Sandra S. Clark, Executive Secretary