

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Lynn Randall  
Legislative Council Info**

SEN. BEVERLY C. DAGGETT  
CHAIR

REP. PATRICK COLWELL  
VICE-CHAIR

SHARON ANGLIN TREAT  
PAUL T. DAVIS, SR.  
KENNETH T. GAGNON

SEN. CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK  
REP. JOHN RICHARDSON  
REP. JOSEPH BRUNO  
REP. ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE  
REP. DAVID E. BOWLES

DAVID E. BOULTER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
Organizational Meeting  
December 4, 2002  
Approved December 16, 2002**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to the Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, Senate President Daggett called the first meeting of the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council to order at 6:28 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

- Senators: Sen. Daggett, Sen. Treat, Sen. Davis, Sen. Gagnon, Sen. Woodcock
- Representatives: Speaker Colwell, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Bruno, Rep. Duplessie, Rep. Bowles
- Legislative Officers: Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate  
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House  
David Shiah, Assistant Clerk of the House  
David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council  
David Elliott, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Senate President Daggett, declaring that a quorum was present, called the meeting of the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council for the purpose of electing a Council chair and vice-chair, adoption of rules of procedure and such other matters as may be properly before the Legislative Council. Senate President Daggett noted that the following rules govern election of Council officers:

**Rule #2** provides that the position of Chair alternate in succeeding biennial sessions between a member from the Senate and a member from the House. Thus, the Chair for this new Council would be a member from the Senate.

**Rule #3** provides that the Vice-Chair shall not be a member of the same body of the Legislature as the Chair. Thus, the Vice-Chair for the 121<sup>st</sup> Council must be a member of the House.

President Daggett stated that unless there was objection, the Council would proceed with the election of a chair and vice-chair by a showing of hands. After the vote, the newly elected Chair would preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Hearing no objection, President Daggett opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Legislative Council.

**Motion:** That President Beverly C. Daggett be nominated for the position of Council Chair. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Sen. Davis).

President Daggett asked if there were further nominations. Hearing none, the nominations closed. The vote for Council Chair was taken, unanimous. President Daggett is appointed as Chair of the Legislative Council.

President Daggett then proceeded to open the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

**Motion:** That Speaker Colwell be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council. (Motion by Rep. Richardson, second by Rep. Bruno).

President Daggett asked if there were further nominations. Hearing none, the nominations closed. The vote for Council Vice-Chair was taken, unanimous. Speaker Colwell is appointed as Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council.

## **ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **• Proposed Rules of Procedure**

Executive Director Boulter explained that the Legislative Council operates on a general set of rules and the attached proposed Rules of Procedure codify the existing practices.

**Motion:** That the Council adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure for the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second by Rep. Bruno, unanimous).

## **REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL STAFF OFFICES**

None

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Establishment of Initial Salary of Legislative and Constitutional Officers (as necessary)**

Executive Director Boulter explained that under law, the Legislative Council has the responsibility to set initial salaries for constitutional officers and certain legislative officers, notably the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. This requirement does not apply for a re-appointment where there has not been a break in service. Therefore, the Secretary of the Senate is the only position requiring Council action at this time.

**Motion:** That the Secretary of the Senate's salary be established at Range 14, Step 8 of the Legislative Council salary scale. (Motion by President Daggett, second by Speaker Colwell, unanimous).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. (Motion by President Daggett, second by Rep. Richardson, unanimous).