Joint meeting of Budget Advisory Commission and Assembly Budget & Finance Committee

Minutes

October 6, 2010

BAC Members Present: Jim Bailey, Andy Clary, Tony Cange, Steve Hartung, Heather Ireland (via phone), Jim Ricks, Adam Trombley, Bill Webb, Liz Vazquez

Budget & Finance Committee Members Present: Bill Starr, Chair, Assembly Budget & Finance Committee; Elvi Gray-Jackson, Paul Honeman, Jennifer Johnston

Other Guests: OMB Director Cheryl Frasca

BAC Chair Adam Trombley called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m... Roll call was noted.

Agenda approved. September minutes approved.

Assemblymember Starr explained that the Assembly's Budget & Finance Committee was meeting jointly with the BAC to facilitate interviews with each department regarding their proposed 2011 budget. He encouraged BAC members to form teams of three to do the interview and prepare a report on each department. He distributed reports that provide detail regarding each department's personnel and stated each team would be unfettered in terms of questions they can ask the departments. He also invited BAC members to suggest questions that the Budget & Finance Committee should ask the departments during the Assembly's work sessions with the departments.

The outcome from this process will be a white paper that summarizes the questions asked and the department's responses. He asks that reports be completed by November 3rd so they can be part of the information used during the Assembly's review of the budget.

Discussion followed by BAC members and a sign-up sheet for department teams was circulated.

Next meeting will be November 3rd, 2010 at 11:30 in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Frasca for the BAC.